## REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP. Received \$3.5 billion in TARP funds

1. Since you received TARP funds has there been an increase in lending activity by your bank, if so by how much?

Regions is using the government's investment to help increase the flow of credit to businesses and consumers as Treasury intended. We are expanding lending to consumers and businesses where our standards for credit quality are met and where we can capture the full value of a customer relationship. Since the time that Regions received its investment from Treasury in November of 2008, Regions has originated more than \$12.7 billion in new and renewed loans - a more than \$700 million increase over the previous three month period. We plan to originate more new mortgages in 2009 than we did in 2008.

2. What amount of TARP funds have been used to help homeowners who are behind on their payments or facing foreclosure?

We are using the funds to address credit issues, including problem loans and providing assistance to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. Even though our foreclosure rate is low, half the national average, we are continuing to reach out and help our customers. Over the past year we have contacted more than 125,000 customers to determine whether they need assistance.

3. Does your bank need the TARP infusion? If not have you considered returning the funds?

Regions was well capitalized by regulatory standards prior to receiving the investment from Treasury. Our plan is, and always has been, to repay the funds as soon as capital market conditions allow. In the meantime, we will continue to pay annual dividend payments of \$175 million to taxpayers.

- 4. What will be the total amount awarded in bonuses at your institution this year? Regions' incentive decisions will not be made until the first quarter of 2009 but will certainly reflect company performance during 2008.
- 5. If Congress passes retroactive compensation requirements for TARP Capital Purchase Program participants, will your bank give back the money?

It has always been our intention to repay these funds as soon as capital market conditions allow, regardless of potential legislation or changes to terms in our agreement.