



Do Fannie and Freddie Charge Too Much for Guaranteeing Mortgage-Backed Securities?

Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

The accounting problems of Fannie Mae have focused attention on the two ways they make their profits. A substantial part of their earnings comes from buying and holding mortgages and mortgage-backed securities (MBS), but they also earn substantial amounts by charging fees for guaranteeing that investors will receive full payment on their MBS.

The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), the regulator of Fannie and Freddie, has begun an investigation into how G-fees are priced, and why—if the two companies are competing—G-fee rates remain so high. This conference will consider the question of whether G-fees are properly priced or whether institutional barriers are keeping them unnecessarily high.

1:45 p.m. Registration

2:00 Introduction: PETER J. WALLISON, AEI

2:15

Presenter: JAY BRINKMANN, Mortgage Bankers Association

Discussants: ALEX J. POLLOCK, AEI
ALDEN TOEVS, First Manhattan Consulting Group
LAWRENCE WHITE, New York University

4:00 Adjournment

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