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Semi-Annual Report on Office of Examination Operations June 13, 2024

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## **OE Operations Agenda Topics**



- Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Plan Objectives
  - Risk Supervision and Examination Activities
  - Public Mission
  - Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness
  - Human Capital



# **Risk Supervision & Examination**

- Conducted onsite examination and/or oversight activities at 3 funding banks, 35 associations (60%), and 6 other entities
- Issued 24 reports of examination, 17 interim activity letters, and 39 FIRS Letters
- Maintained a higher level of supervisory oversight at 3 System institutions
- Issued examination guidance



# **Risk Supervision & Examination (continued)**

- FY2024 National Oversight Plan Focus Areas
  - Cybersecurity threats and a changing operational environment
  - Capital markets loan growth and increased risk in large, shared assets and commodity segments
  - Long-term financial stewardship
  - Stress analysis in a period of heightened volatility and uncertainty
  - Standards of conduct
- Completed or on target to complete the 7 systemic risk strategies and 3 institution risk strategies



## **Public Mission**



#### Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers (YBS) Programs

- Worked with ORP and ODAE on internal and external YBS FAQs
- Reviewed 2023 qualitative YBS rating results
- Proposed changes to exam guidance and rating criteria and provided staff training based on the YBS final rule and BL-040 updates

#### Small, low risk associations

 Met with CEOs of small associations and received positive feedback on OE steps to address their concerns



# **Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness**

- Examination Tool Innovations
  - Finalized new Examiner Feedback application
  - Made enhancements to the EDGe application and reports
- OE Operational Process Innovations
  - Continued to modernize OE management reporting, planning, and budgeting processes through PowerBI
- FCS Loan Database Use
  - Continued to work with the System to assess and improve data reliability and develop new reports



### **Human Capital**



- On target to complete strategies related to training, development, recruitment, retention, and knowledge transfer
  - Hired 13 associate examiners, 1 commissioned examiner, with plans to hire 6 mid-careers (5 technical specialists and 1 commissioned), and 1 administrative assistant
  - Attrition levels declined to 4 percent compared to 6 percent last year with projected 9 percent attrition for the year



## Human Capital (continued)



We are on target with total staff, but remain below target for commissioned examiners

#### **Total OE Staff**

Total OE Staff	Planned	Projected	Variance
Beginning FY 2024	182	185	3
Attrition   Retirements	(18)	(18)	0
Hirings	18	21	3
Ending FY 2024	182	188	6

#### **Commissioned Examiners**

Commissioned Examiners	Planned	Projected	Variance
Beginning FY 2024	83	81	(2)
Attrition   Retirements	(8)	(8)	0
Hirings	2	2	0
Newly Commissioned	9	9	0
Ending FY 2024	86	84	(2)



### **OE Budget Results**



- Actual expenses are in line with net budget with return to normalized travel
- Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) are in line with budget



FTEs	
Budgeted Full Year FTEs	184.69
Projected Full Year FTEs	184.64
Budget Variance	(0.05)



#### Summary



- Effectively conducted examination and oversight activities through the 1st half of FY 2024
- On target to complete FY 2024 Operating Plan objectives
- Focusing on ensuring OE has sufficient highly skilled staff to accomplish our mission
- Actively managing our budget as we have returned to normalized travel