Washington, D.C. — The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) announced today the 2009 schedule for National Training Seminars for members of the Boards of Directors of thrift institutions.

Boards of Directors establish and foster corporate values for the managers and other employees of OTS-regulated institutions. This role is especially important as institutions face significant challenges from the economic downturn. Therefore, the OTS is emphasizing that training is critical for board members to learn more about their essential mission.

The one-day workshops entitled, “How to Conduct a Self Assessment,” will show Board members and prospective members how to conduct periodic assessments of their institutions to determine whether weaknesses exist, identify areas that may need strengthening or further development, and make necessary changes.

The workshops will also include updates on the condition of the economy and reviews of key compliance issues. During question-and-answer segments, Board members will have opportunities to discuss relevant issues and pose questions to OTS officials.

The seminars will be on July 23, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minn., and on September 29, 2009 in Raleigh, N.C. Although there is no registration fee, space is limited, so the OTS will confirm reservations in order of receipt. Registration is available through the OTS website at www.ots.treas.gov.