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**Council of Federal Home Loan Banks Announces
New Director of Congressional Relations**

Washington, D.C. – Jennifer Cowell is joining the Council of Federal Home Loan Banks as the director of congressional relations.

“We are very pleased to have Jennifer join our team,” said Council president John von Seggern. “Her understanding of government sponsored enterprises issues and her experience as a staffer for a member of the House Financial Services Committee makes her a great addition to the Council.”

Jennifer will be responsible for outreach to members of the House of Representatives and their staff on issues such as GSE reform, housing and community development. She will also work closely with the twelve Federal Home Loan Banks across the country.

Jennifer comes to the Council from the office of Congressman Jim Gerlach, where she was legislative assistant handling the Congressman’s financial services committee work, as well as healthcare, Social Security and energy. Prior to her stint with Congressman Gerlach, she was staff assistant and legislative correspondent for Congressman Pat Toomey. She is a graduate of Penn State University.

The Federal Home Loan Banks are an essential source of stable, low-cost funds to financial institutions for home mortgage, small business, rural and agricultural loans. With their members, the FHLBanks represent the largest source of home mortgage and community credit.

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The FHLBanks are a government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) created in 1932 to ensure affordable housing finance for all Americans. Today they also provide funding for small business, rural and agricultural loans. Over 8,000 community financial institutions around the country are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The Federal Home Loan Banks are located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Des Moines, Indianapolis, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle and Topeka. The Council of FHLBanks is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and represents all twelve FHLBanks.