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## CHRISTY ROMERO SWORN IN AS SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL OF SIGTARP

WASHINGTON, DC – The Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP) today announced that, this morning, Christy L. Romero was officially sworn in as Special Inspector General of SIGTARP. Ms. Romero was nominated for the position by President Barack Obama on February 1, 2012, and she was confirmed by the United States Senate on March 29, 2012.

“I am extremely honored to have the support of President Obama and the United States Senate to lead SIGTARP at such a critical time for our nation’s economy,” said Special Inspector General Romero. “I look forward to working with the extraordinary staff at SIGTARP and with our law enforcement partners to continue protecting taxpayers’ investments in TARP.”

As Special Inspector General, Ms. Romero will lead SIGTARP’s investigations of fraud, waste, and abuse in connection with the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), the U.S. Department of the Treasury program designed to provide taxpayer support to the U.S. financial services industry and housing market in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Ms. Romero will also lead SIGTARP’s oversight and audits of TARP.

Ms. Romero was most recently Deputy Special Inspector General for SIGTARP, a position she had held since February 2011. Between 2009 and 2011, Ms. Romero served as the Chief of Staff of SIGTARP. From July 2010 through September 2010, she served as the Acting Deputy Special Inspector General, and from March 2011 through October 2011, she served as Acting Special Inspector General.

Ms. Romero joined SIGTARP from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) where, from December 2007 through August 2009, she served as counsel to SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro and Chairman Christopher Cox. From 2003 through 2007, as an attorney in the Division of Enforcement, she investigated financial fraud, insider trading, and other violations of the securities laws.

Prior to joining the SEC, Ms. Romero was a litigator specializing in financial restructuring at the law firms of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Snell & Wilmer; and Jenner & Block. She also clerked for the Honorable Robert C. Jones, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada and Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Ms. Romero earned a B.S. in business from Old Dominion University and a J.D. from Brigham Young University Law School.

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