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The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has reviewed the Federal Register notice of June 28, 2001 on the Office of Management and Budget's "Proposed Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies" on the above Federal Register notice.

As we previously stated in our May 23, 2001 email to you, BEA supports the thrust of the proposed guidelines. Nonetheless, there is one point that needs to be clarified; namely the party responsible for data quality. As mentioned in our previous email, data quality responsibilities at BEA are primarily under the purview of Chief Statistician and not the Chief Information Officer. By directing the information technology efforts of agencies, CIOs clearly play a role in ensuring data quality. The guidelines, however, appear to give CIOs the ultimate responsibility for data quality. At BEA, the ultimate responsibility for data quality resides

with the Chief Statistician or the senior program executives.

If you have any questions regarding our comments and answers to these questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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