WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) announced today that William Finister will be the agency's deputy comptroller for resource management, effective March 9. He will be responsible for the OCC's human resources and administrative services divisions and will report to Senior Deputy Comptroller for Administration Edward J. Hanley.

Mr. Finister comes to the OCC from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) where he served as deputy chief of staff to Administrator Carol Browner since 1993. Prior to that, he was EPA's deputy director for administration for six years. He served with the Office of Management and Budget from 1969 to 1983. Mr. Finister was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award and EPA's Gold Medal Award in 1990.

The new deputy comptroller for administration has served both in the U.S. Army and the Peace Corps. He earned his B.S. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and has done graduate work at the University of San Francisco. He also attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Gary W. Norton, former deputy comptroller for resource management, will become senior advisor to the OCC's senior deputy comptroller for administration.

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