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**2013 in Retrospect – A Message from Eric S. Rosengren, President and CEO,
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Recently, we published [the Bank's audited financial statements](#) for 2013. They showed that the Bank remitted almost \$2 billion to the U.S. Treasury in earnings after expenses and dividends – part of the [\\$79.6 billion the Federal Reserve System as a whole](#) remitted to the Treasury.

As important as transparent financial reports are, they do not tell the full story of the Bank's activities in 2013, which were wide ranging and diverse – but unified in serving the public interest.

We have historically used an annual report format to summarize the year past. This year we are beginning a new tradition – publishing our financials, of course, but also sharing updates on the Bank's work more frequently, and in shorter formats. We will use a new email newsletter, *Highlights from the Boston Fed* for that purpose, and are sharing this message about 2013 in its inaugural edition.

We thought we would mention just a few highlights of 2013 in this message.

The Bank focused on [financial stability](#), particularly around [money market funds](#), working with [all twelve Reserve Banks](#) to try to influence the regulation of such funds, which [our research](#) shows played a key role in the financial crisis.

In a couple of areas, 2013 saw us turn thoughtful empirical research into tangible public service.

In one such case, we built on Bank [research](#) that found that former manufacturing cities with civic leaders collaborating across sectors have the best chance of resurgence, so we engaged private and public funders to finance a [Working Cities Challenge](#) that sparked constructive “[bridge-building](#)” in smaller cities across Massachusetts.

In another case, we built on [research](#) into talent retention in the New England labor force and partnered with local chambers of commerce to create [The Internship Collaborative](#) and [InternHub.com](#), a web clearinghouse designed to connect employers with student interns, who will hopefully be more likely to stay after graduation due to their connection to the region's job market.

In the area of monetary policy, the Bank was a [strong advocate](#) for accommodative policy, emphasizing the Fed's [full-employment mandate](#) and the perils of too-low inflation.

These are a few areas where the Bank was vocal and distinctive in 2013, and where we hope we made a difference.

We are also very proud of the people throughout the Bank who made contributions to the essential financial services we provide, ranging from currency to [stored-value card services](#) for military personnel around the globe.

Every area of the Bank made important contributions in 2013 and we thank our staff members for their dedication, their integrity, and the commitment to the public good that runs through all of the Bank's diverse functions.

Finally, we would like to note that 2013 held the [100th anniversary of the signing of the Federal Reserve Act](#). The centennial of our founding by the Act in 1913 (and this year the [100th anniversary of opening our doors](#)) has given all of us at the Federal Reserve an opportunity to reflect on our founder's intents, the lessons of our past, and the privilege of serving the American public.

Sincerely,

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