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The system of US Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBs) consists of 11 individual banks. Their mission is to meet the credit needs of local lending institutions by providing credit and financial services for businesses and other local entities throughout the US, including offering standby LCs. The standby forms of some FHLBs differ from others in certain respects. Because some forms have differences in technical wording and are subject to different practice rules, DCW sought to explore these issues. Presented here are findings based on a review of forms that are publicly available and insights from interviews conducted with FHLB representatives.