

OBAMA'S E-TEAM

President-elect Barack Obama's core economic team is rapidly taking shape. Here's a look at the members of the team who have been either formally announced or were last night widely anticipated to be appointed:



Director, National Economic Council

◀ **LAWRENCE SUMMERS, 53**

The Harvard University economics professor served as treasury secretary between 1999 and 2001. He is regarded as a time-tested crisis manager and helped direct the US response to the Asian financial crisis. He was chief economist at the World Bank between 1991 and 1993.

Treasury Secretary

◀ **TIMOTHY GEITHNER, 47**

New York Fed president since November 2003, he has been at the heart of the battle to contain the crisis. Closely involved in the rescue of Citigroup, the Bear Stearns and AIG bailouts, and the decision to let Lehman Brothers go bankrupt. Extensive Treasury experience, and has worked for the International Monetary Fund.



Head of White House Council of Economic Advisers

◀ **CHRISTINA ROMER, 49**

The University of California, Berkeley economics professor is on the National Bureau of Economic Research's business cycle dating committee, the arbiter of US recessions. Has written widely on US economic history, the causes of the Great Depression and the impact of fiscal policy.



White House Budget Director

◀ **PETER R. ORSZAG, 39**

Currently director of the Congressional Budget Office which provides analyses of economic and budgetary issues for lawmakers. During the Clinton administration, he was a special assistant for economic policy and senior economic adviser at the National Economic Council.

Commerce Secretary

BILL RICHARDSON, 61 ▶

The New Mexico Governor, a former United Nations ambassador and energy secretary during the Clinton administration, had been an early supporter of Mr Obama after dropping his own presidential ambitions, and was the first Hispanic expected to join the Obama Cabinet.

