UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20459

SCHEDULE TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> DYNEX CAPITAL, INC. (NAME OF SUBJECT COMPANY (ISSUER))

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC. (OFFEROR)

(NAME OF FILING PERSON (IDENTIFYING STATUS AS OFFEROR, ISSUER OR OTHER PERSON))

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- [] third-party tender offer subject to Rule14d-1.
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- [] going-private transaction subject to Rule13e-3.
- [] amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 2, 2003

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ANNOUNCES TENDER OFFER FOR SHARES OF ITS PREFERRED STOCK

Dynex Capital, Inc. (NYSE: DX) today announced that it will be commencing a cash tender offer and an exchange offer of Senior Notes for shares of its Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock. The cash tender offer and exchange offer will provide holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock the option to elect to tender their shares for consideration in (i) cash only, (ii) Senior Notes only, or (iii) a combination of cash and Senior Notes. The Company will purchase for cash up to 202,763 of its Series A Preferred Stock for a purchase price of \$24.00 per share, up to 272,977 of its Series B Preferred Stock for a cash purchase price of \$24.50 per share, and up to 281,525 of its Series C Preferred Stock for a cash purchase price of \$30.00 per share.

Under the terms of the exchange offer, which is being made pursuant to Section 3 (a) 9 of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company will issue 9.50% Senior Notes, payable in quarterly installments, with the final installment due February 28, 2005 (the Senior Notes). Each share of Series A Preferred Stock may be exchanged for \$25.20 in principal amount of Senior Notes, up to an aggregate of 289,662 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, each share of Series B Preferred Stock may be exchanged for \$25.725 in principal amount of Senior Notes, up to an aggregate of 389,967 shares of Series B Preferred Stock, and each share of Series C Preferred Stock may be exchanged for \$31.50 in principal amount of Senior Notes, up to an aggregate of 402,178 shares of Series C Preferred Stock. The terms of the Senior Notes are disclosed in more detail in the offering materials. The cash tender offer and exchange offer extend to all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock, and will only be made pursuant to offering materials to be distributed on or about January 13, 2003. It is expected that the cash tender offer and exchange offer will expire on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, unless otherwise extended.

The Company's Board of Directors is not making any recommendation to its preferred shareholders as to whether or not they should tender any preferred shares pursuant to the offers. Certain members of the Company's Board of Directors have informed the Company that they will participate in the offer.

This press release is for information purposes only and is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock or Series C Preferred Stock of Dynex. The solicitation of offers to buy shares of Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock or Series C Preferred Stock of Dynex will only be made pursuant to the Tender Offer Statement (including the Offering Circular, the related Letters of Transmittal and other offer documents), which will be delivered to all of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock, at no expense to them. The Tender Offer Statement (including the Offering Circular, the related Letters of Transmittal and all other offer documents when filed with the Commission) will be also available for no charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at www.sec.gov. The Tender Offer Statement (including the Offering Circular, the related Letters of Transmittal and other offer documents) will contain important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to any of the tender offers.

Dynex Capital, Inc. is a financial services company that elects to be treated as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes.

Note: This document contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. The words "believe", "expect", "forecast", "anticipate", "estimate", "project", "plan", and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements that are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. The Company's actual results and timing of certain events could differ materially from those projected in or contemplated by the forward-looking statements as a result of unforeseen external factors. As discussed in the Company's filings with the SEC, these factors may include, but are not limited to, changes in general economic and market conditions, disruptions in the capital markets, fluctuations in interest rates, the accuracy of subjective estimates used in determining the fair value of certain financial assets of the Company, the impact of recently issued financial accounting standards, increases in costs and other general competitive factors.