Collateral Considerations

Type of Collateral	Questions to Consider
Residential/commercial real estate Reasonable liquidation value = 60-70% of value	 Who owns the property? Would losing this property have a significant effect on the borrower (psychological value of property)? Are property values in the district increasing or declining? What is the condition of the property? Has the property recently been renovated?
Equipment <i>Reasonable liquidation value =</i> 40-50% of value	 Who legally owns the equipment? How old is it? Is it in good condition? Would there be a market for the equipment if the financial institution had to sell it? (Typically, the more specialized the equipment, the more difficult it is to find a buyer.) How important is the equipment to the borrower's operations (psychological value of property)? Is it integral to the borrower's operations or a piece of equipment that is no longer used? How difficult is it for the equipment to be moved?
Vehicles Reasonable liquidation value = 30-40% of value	 Who legally owns the vehicle? How old is it? Is it in good condition? How important is the equipment to the borrower's operations (psychological value of property)? Can/should the vehicle be locked during the term of the loan? Will there be insurance for the vehicle if the borrower will continue to use it?
Inventory Reasonable liquidation value = 0-10% of value — raw materials and work in progress 50-60% of value — finished products	 What is the average level of inventory that the business typically maintains? How important is the inventory to the borrower's operations (psychological value)? Is this inventory that the borrower doesn't expect to sell? Should the inventory be locked? What is the shelf life of the inventory? Is there a risk of obsolescence during loan term? How difficult would it be for the financial institution to sell this inventory?
Accounts Receivables Reasonable liquidation value = 50-60% of value	 Used only for borrowers with stable sales, credit functions and borrowers. How difficult would it be for the financial institution to collect these receivables?