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All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2001-35 and should be submitted by November 13, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44930; File No. SR-Phlx-2001-77]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. To Amend Exchange Rule 625, Trading Floor Training, Equity Floor Procedure Advice F-30, and Options Floor Procedure Advice F-30

October 12, 2001.

On August 9, 2001, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend Phlx Rule 625 ("Trading Floor Training"), Equity Floor Procedure Advice F-30, and Options Floor Procedure Advice F-30 (collectively referred to as "Advice F-30")³ to allow the Exchange to require from time to time its members and their respective personnel to attend mandatory training sessions related to conduct, health and

safety on the Exchange's equity and options trading floors (collectively referred to as "trading floor"). The Phlx also proposed to amend the fine schedule in Equity Floor Procedure Advice F-30 to be consistent with the fine schedule in the corresponding Options Floor Procedure Advice.⁴ Notice of the proposed rule change appeared in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2001.⁵ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act⁶ in general, and the rules and regulations thereunder.⁷ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act,⁸ which provides, among other things, that a national securities exchange may require its members to meet certain standards of training, experience and competence as prescribed by the rules of an exchange. The Commission believes that requiring, providing notice of, and conducting training sessions related to conduct, health and safety on the trading floor by the Exchange should promote a safer work environment by informing Exchange members and their respective personnel of important issues related to the Exchange's trading floor.

The Commission also finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁹ which requires that the rules of the exchange provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges to exchange members, in that the Exchange's proposed fine schedule for its Equity Floor Procedure is consistent with the already existing fine schedule of the Exchange's Option Floor Procedures.¹⁰

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹¹ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-2001-77) be, and hereby is, approved.

⁴ The fine schedule applicable to Options Floor Procedure Advice F-30 was recently amended and reflects the same fines as proposed herein. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44537 (July 11, 2001), 66 FR 37511 (July 18, 2001) (order approving SR-Phlx-2001-36).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44742 (August 23, 2001), 65 FR 45885.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(c)(3)(B).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁰ See note 4, *supra*.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to the delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and at the following addresses:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503
(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: SSA Reports Clearance Officer, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Employer Report of Special Wage Payments—0960-0565. The Social Security Administration (SSA) gathers the information on Form SSA-131 to prevent earnings related overpayments to employees and to avoid erroneous withholding. The respondents are employers who provide special wage payment verification.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Advice F-30 and the accompanying fine schedules are part of the Exchange's minor rule violation and reporting plan ("minor rule plan"). The Exchange's minor rule plan, codified in Phlx Rule 970 ("Floor Procedure Advices: Violations, Penalties, and Procedures"), contains floor procedure advices with accompanying fine schedules such that a minor rule violation and reporting plan citation could be issued. Rule 19d-1(c)(2) under the Act authorizes national securities exchanges to adopt minor rule violation plans for summary discipline and abbreviated reporting. 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(2). Rule 19d-1(c)(1) under the Act requires prompt filing with the Commission of any final disciplinary actions. 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(1). However, minor rule violations not exceeding \$2,500 are deemed not final, thereby permitting periodic, as opposed to immediate reporting.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Representative Payee Report—0960-0068. Sections 205(j) and 1631(a)(2) provide for the payment of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits to a relative, another person or an organization (referred to as representative payee) when the best interests of the beneficiary would be served. These sections also provide that SSA monitor how the benefits were used. SSA uses forms SSA-623 and SSA-6230 to collect this information. SSA needs the information to determine whether the payments provided to the representative payee have been used for the beneficiary's current maintenance and personal needs and whether the representative payee continues to be concerned with the beneficiary's welfare. The respondents are representative payees designated to receive funds on behalf of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.

Number of Respondents: 5,527,755.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 1,381,939 hours.

2. Reporting Events, SSI—0960-0128. SSI applicants, recipients and their representative payees use Form SSA-8150-EV (or the Spanish version) to report by mail changes in circumstances that could affect eligibility for SSI. SSA uses the reported changes on the form to determine eligibility and correct payment amounts for SSI payments, which may include federally administered State supplementary payments. The respondents are SSI applicants, recipients, and their representative payees.

Number of Respondents: 33,200.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 5.
Estimated Annual Burden: 2,767 hours.

Dated: October 16, 2001.
Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3819]

Bureau of African Affairs; Africa/Public Diplomacy (AF/PD) Professional Internship Program

Introduction

The United States Department of State announces an open competition for an assistance award. Nongovernmental organizations may apply to design and manage a multi-faceted program that consists of (1) U.S.-based professional internships, (2) Africa-based AGOA workshops.

AGOA (Africa Growth and Opportunity Act), signed into law in May 2000, offers qualifying African countries preferential access to U.S. markets for their industries. The countries participating in AGOA are positioned in varying degrees to take advantage of the bill. Some, such as South Africa and Mauritius, have well-developed light industrial sectors poised to begin exporting to U.S. markets. Others have little industry positioned to compete and no immediate prospects. All have indicated enthusiasm for the possibilities offered by AGOA, tempered by the realization that the African private sector needs more exposure to U.S. markets, business practices, and trade associations before they will be able to access U.S. markets and develop viable two-way trade relationships and thereby realize the full benefits of AGOA.

Purpose

The program will provide medium and small African business entrepreneurs and members of business associations exposure to AGOA and to the American market in order to increase capacity to develop new African-U.S. trade linkages. The program will give them an understanding of American business norms and actual practices, provide them with knowledge of U.S. customs operations, product distribution and retailing, and, finally, help them develop business linkages and relationships with manufacturers and businesses in their respective sectors. The grant will fund a two-part program to offer African entrepreneurs both exposure to U.S. markets and the opportunity to share their insights and

knowledge with business associations and other entrepreneurs upon returning home.

The AF/PD AGOA Professional Internship Program is designed to enhance the professional skills and abilities of the participants and assist them in understanding the variety, depth, and practices of the American market and also provide them with an introduction to American entrepreneurs and trade associations.

The contract agency will be expected to work closely with AF/PD and Public Affairs Sections of U.S. Embassies in Africa in developing and implementing this program.

Authority

22 U.S.C.—2452(a)(2)

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include all nongovernmental institutions, private organizations, and commercial entities.

Availability of Funds

The funding level for this Cooperative Agreement shall be no higher than \$750,000. Award of this cooperative agreement is based on the availability of funds for fiscal year 2002. A final award will not be made until funds appropriated by Congress are available through internal Department of State procedures.

Continuing awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Reporting Requirement

Periodic progress reports and a final evaluation will be required.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applicants will be competitively reviewed under 6 criteria. The criteria are: (1) Cost effectiveness and cost sharing; (2) Program planning and ability to achieve objectives; (3) Institutional capacity; (4) Program monitoring; (5) Program evaluation (6) Support of diversity.

Other Requirements

Paperwork Reduction Act

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and ten (10) copies of the application (Standard Form 424) must be submitted to the U.S. Department of