

DATES: There are two conditional meetings announced in this **Federal Register** Notice. A Public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 24, 2006 if the Panel does not complete its work at the previously published public meeting on July 21, 2006. Another public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 25, 2006 if the Panel does not complete its work at the July 24th meeting. Both meetings, if held, will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and end no later than 5 p.m. The public is urged to call (202) 208-7279 after 5 p.m. the work day before these meetings for a pre-recorded message to learn if the meeting is cancelled. The public may also visit the Panel's Web site the morning of the meeting for cancellation messages (<http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html>). There are additional public meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel for July 2006 previously published in the **Federal Register**. For a schedule of all public meetings, visit <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> and select the link called "Schedule."

ADDRESSES: Both the July 24th and 25th, 2006 meetings, if held, will be at the new FDIC Building, 3501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA in the new auditorium Room C3050D. This facility is ¼ block off of the orange line metro stop for Virginia Square. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance of the meeting due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings or the Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laura.auletta@gsa.gov, phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

Meetings: The focus of these meetings will be discussions of and voting on working group findings and recommendations from selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> for a list of working groups).

(b) *Posting of Draft Reports:* Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the Panel's Web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> under the link for "Working Group Reports." The most recent posting is from the Commercial Practices Working Group. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

(c) *Adopted Recommendations:* The Panel has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business, Interagency Contracting, and Performance-Based Acquisition Working Groups. While additional recommendations from some of these working groups are likely, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the Panel to date by going to <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> and selecting the link for "Adopted Recommendations."

(d) *Availability of Meeting Materials:* Please see the Panel's Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes. Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this web site on its front page, including "Questions for Government Buying Agencies," "Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government," "Questions for Commercial Organizations," and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled "Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment." The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues in written statements to the Panel.

(e) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. Please see previously published **Federal Register** Notices for July 2006 opportunities for oral public comments at the Panel's Web site under the link for **Federal Register** Notices (<http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html>). The Panel Staff expects that public

statements presented orally or in writing will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Written Comments: Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this **Federal Register** Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). *Please note:* Because the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

(f) *Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Laura Auletta,

Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), Acquisition Advisory Panel.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549-0004.

Extension: Rule 27f-1 and Form N-27F-1; SEC File No. 270-487; OMB Control No. 3235-0546.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Section 27(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a-27(f)) provides that "[w]ith respect to any periodic payment plan (other than a plan under which the amount of sales load deducted from any payment thereon does not exceed 9 per centum of such payment), the custodian bank

for such plan shall mail to each certificate holder, within sixty days after the issuance of the certificate, a statement of charges to be deducted from the projected payments on the certificate and a notice of his right of withdrawal as specified in this section." Section 27(f) authorizes the Commission to "make rules specifying the method, form, and contents of the notice required by this subsection." Rule 27f-1 (17 CFR 270.27f-1) under the Act, entitled "Notice of Right of Withdrawal Required to be Mailed to Periodic Payment Plan Certificate Holders and Exemption from Section 27(f) for Certain Periodic Payment Plan Certificates," provides instructions for the delivery of the notice required by section 27(f).

Rule 27f-1(d) prescribes Form N-27F-1 (17 CFR 274.127f-1), which sets forth the language that custodian banks for periodic payment plans must use in informing certificate holders of their withdrawal right pursuant to section 27(f). The instructions to the form provide that the notice must be on the sender's letterhead. The Commission does not receive a copy of the form N-27F-1 notice.

The Form N-27F-1 notice informs certificate holders of their rights in connection with the certificates they hold. Specifically, it is intended to encourage new purchasers of plan certificates to reassess the costs and benefits of their investment and to provide them with an opportunity to recover their initial investment without penalty. The disclosure assists certificate holders in making careful and fully informed decisions about whether to invest in periodic payment plan certificates.

The frequency with which each of these issuers or their representatives must file Form N-27F-1 notices varies with the number of periodic payment plans sold. Commission staff spoke with representatives of a number of firms in the industry that currently have periodic payment plan accounts. Based upon these conversations, the staff estimates that 3 issuers of periodic payment plan certificates send out an aggregate of approximately 535 notices per year. The staff further estimates that all the issuers that send Form N-27F-1 notices use outside contractors to print and distribute the notices, and incur no hourly burden. The estimate of annual burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Complying with the collection of information requirements of rule 27f-1 is mandatory for custodian banks of periodic payment plans for which the sales load deducted from any payment exceeds 9 percent of the payment.¹ The information provided pursuant to rule 27f-1 will be provided to third parties and, therefore, will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: June 27, 2006.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form 2-E under Rule 609; SEC File No. 270-222; OMB Control No. 3235-0233.

¹ The rule also permits the issuer, its principal underwriter, its depositor, or its recordkeeping agent to mail the notice if the custodian bank has delegated the mailing of the notice to any of them or if the issuer has been permitted to operate without a custodian bank by Commission order. See 17 CFR 270.27f-1.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information entitled.

Form 2-E Under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales Pursuant to Rule 609 of Regulation E, and Rule 609 Under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales

Under Rule 609 under the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.609), Form 2-E (17 CFR 239.201) is used by small business investment companies or business development companies engaged in limited offerings of securities to report semi-annually the progress of the offering, including the number of shares sold. The form solicits information such as the dates an offering has commenced and has been completed, the number of shares sold and still being offered, amounts received in the offering, and expenses and underwriting discounts incurred in the offering. This information assists the staff in determining whether the issuer has stayed within the limits of an offering exemption.

Form 2-E must be filed semi-annually during an offering and as a final report at the completion of the offering. Less frequent filing would not allow the Commission to monitor the progress of the limited offering in order to ensure that the issuer was not attempting to avoid the normal registration provisions of the securities laws.

During the calendar year 2005, there were 36 filings of Form 2-E by 24 respondents. The Commission estimates, based on its experience with disclosure documents generally and Form 2-E in particular, and based on informal contacts with the investment company industry, that the total annual burden associated with information collection, Form 2-E preparation, and submission is four hours per filing or 144 hours for all respondents.

The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms.

Form 2-E does not involve any recordkeeping requirements. The information required by the form is mandatory and the information provided will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it