

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 02/03-0185]

**J.P. Morgan Investment Corporation;
Notice of Request for Exemption**

On April 30, 1998, J.P. Morgan Investment Corporation (the "Licensee"), a Delaware corporation and SBIC Licensee number 02/03-0185, filed a request to the SBA pursuant to Section 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.730(a)(1)(1998)) for an exemption allowing the Licensee to invest in a newly formed business, The RiskMetrics Group, LLC. Sixty Wall Street SBIC Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and SBIC License No. 02/02-0563 may also request permission to invest in RiskMetrics Group, LLC.

The RiskMetrics Group, LLC is currently in need of additional capital, however, the Licensee can only offer this assistance to The RiskMetrics Group, LLC upon receipt of a prior written exemption from SBA. The exemption requested is the basis for this notice, and this notice is required pursuant to Section 107.730(g) of the Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any person may, not later than 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, submit written comments on this exemption request to the Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416. A copy of this Notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in New York, New York.

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Don A. Christensen,*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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[Declaration of Disaster #3095]

**Commonwealth of Kentucky (and
Contiguous Counties in West Virginia)**

Martin County and the contiguous Counties of Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, and Pike in Kentucky, and Mingo and Wayne Counties in West Virginia constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by heavy rains and flash flooding that occurred on June 11, 1998. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on August 24, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of

business on March 24, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.000%.

Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 3.500%.

Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere: 8.000%.

Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.125%.

For Economic Injury

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damages are 309506 for Kentucky and 309606 for West Virginia. For economic injury the numbers are 990600 for Kentucky and 990700 for West Virginia.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Aida Alvarez,*Administrator.*

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[Declaration of Disaster #3093]

State of New York

Saratoga County and the contiguous Counties of Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington in the State of New York constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused tornadoes and high winds that occurred on May 31, 1998. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on August 21, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on March 22, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.000%.

Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 3.500%.

Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere: 8.000%.

Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.125%.

For Economic Injury

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 309312 for physical damage and 990200 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Aida Alvarez,*Administrator.*

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[Declaration of Disaster #3090]

State of Oregon

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on June 12, 1998, I find that Crook County, Oregon constitutes a disaster area due to damages caused by flooding that occurred May 28 through June 3, 1998. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on August 11, 1998, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on March 12, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, PO Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, and Wheeler in the State of Oregon may be filed until the specified date at the above location.

The interest rates are:

Physical Damage

Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.000%.

Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 3.500%.

Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere: 8.000%.

Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere: 7.125%.

For Economic Injury

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000%.

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 309006 and for economic injury the number is 988800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster #3089; Amendment #1]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated June 16, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Beaver, Pike, and Susquehanna Counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred May 31 through June 2, 1998. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated locations: Lawrence, Monroe, and Wayne Counties in Pennsylvania; Columbiana, County, Ohio; Hancock County, West Virginia; Warren and Sussex Counties in New Jersey; and Broome Orange, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties in New York.

Any counties contiguous to the above-name primary counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 7, 1998 and for economic injury the termination date is March 8, 1999.

The economic injury numbers are 990800 for Ohio; 990900 for West Virginia; 991000 for New Jersey; and 991100 for New York.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster #3078; Amendment #5]

State of Tennessee

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to July 19, 1998.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is January 20, 1999.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2845]

The Bureau of Personnel, Recruitment Office; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Application for Federal Employment (DS-1950).

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Personnel, Recruitment Office.

Title of Information Collection: Application for Federal Employment.

Frequency: Yearly.

Form Number: DS-1950.

Respondents: Used by individuals to apply for certain excepted positions at the Department of State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 12,500 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management Branch, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: June 18, 1998.

Fernando Burbano,

Chief Information Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Free Area Trade of the Americas

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations; request for public comment on initial U.S. objectives for the nine negotiating groups.

SUMMARY: The Trade Staff Committee (TPSC) is providing notice of the United States' participation in trade negotiations with the 33 countries in the Western Hemisphere participating in the Summit of the Americas¹ and of the

¹ Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and