

or related entity of the clearing firm that provides clearing services to the leasing member should also be eligible to receive the credit. Members have a close connection to their clearing firms, or related entity of the clearing firms, in that the clearing firms provide important and essential services by contractual agreement with such members; for instance, they guarantee members' trades. In addition, clearing firms lend money and extend credit; they also manage risk by way of tracing positions and other monitoring functions. Moreover, the clearing firm offers various ancillary services to the members, including stock executions services, office space and other business amenities. Therefore, given this close connection between the members and clearing firms or their affiliates, the Exchange believes that the credit is appropriate and should further their joint interest in the well-being of the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴⁴ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4).⁴⁵

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change imposes no inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received respecting the permanent adoption of the credit for 36 months.⁴⁶

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as a fee change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁴⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder⁴⁸ because it establishes a due, fee or other

charge. Accordingly, the proposal will take effect upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2001-49, and should be submitted by June 8, 2001.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁹

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION [Declaration of Disaster #3338]

State of Illinois

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on May 9, 2001, I find that Carroll, Hancock, Henderson, Jo Daviess, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties in the State of Illinois constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by flooding occurring between April 18, 2001 and continuing.

Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on July 9, 2001 and for economic injury until the close of business on February 11, 2002 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.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties in Illinois may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Adams, Bureau, Henry, Lee, McDonough, Mercer, Ogle, Schuyler, Stephenson and Warren; Clark and Lewis Counties in the State of Missouri; and Grant and Lafayette Counties in the State of Wisconsin.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.625
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.312
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 number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 333806. For economic injury the numbers assigned are 9L6600 for Illinois; 9L6700 for Missouri; 9L6800 for Wisconsin. Iowa counties contiguous to the above named primary counties are not listed here because they have been previously declared.

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

Dated: May 11, 2001.

James E. Rivera,
Acting Associate Administrator For Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION [Declaration of Disaster #3339]

State of Wisconsin

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on May 11, 2001, I

⁴⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78(b)(4).

⁴⁶ Written comments were received in connection with the first proposed rule change relating to the credit, which implemented the initial pilot program for the credit (in effect May 16, 2000 through November 16, 2000). Those comments are discussed in the Commission's Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of that initial pilot program. See Securities Exchange Act Release Act Release No. 42791 (May 16, 2000), 65 FR 33606 (May 24, 2000)(SR-Phlx-00-44).

⁴⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁴⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

find that Buffalo, Burnett, Crawford, Douglas, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties in the State of Wisconsin constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by flooding occurring between April 10, 2001 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on July 10, 2001 and for economic injury until the close of business on February 11, 2002 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.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties in Wisconsin may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Barron, Bayfield, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iowa, Jackson, Juneau, Lafayette, Monroe, Polk, Richland, Sauk, Sawyer and Washburn; and Carlton, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Houston, Pine, St. Louis, Wabasha, Washington and Winona Counties in the State of Minnesota.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.625
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.312
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 Agriculture Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 333906. For economic injury the numbers assigned are 9L6900 for Wisconsin and 9L7000 for Minnesota.

Iowa counties and Illinois counties contiguous to the above named primary counties are not listed here because they have been previously declared.

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

Dated: May 14, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

New Markets Venture Capital Program; Extension of Application Deadline

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of extension of application deadline.

SUMMARY: SBA invites applications for designation as a New Markets Venture Capital ("NMVC") Company and for grant awards available both to participants in the NMVC Program and to Specialized Small Business Investment Companies. SBA extends its deadline for accepting applications from 4 p.m. on May 21, 2001 to 4 p.m. on May 29, 2001.

DATES: Applications may be submitted to SBA immediately. The deadline for receipt of an application has been extended to 4 p.m. EST on May 29, 2001. Applications received in SBA's offices after that date and time will be rejected and returned to the sender.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be sent to Austin Belton, Director, Office of New Markets Venture Capital, Investment Division, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6300, Washington, DC 20416. Applications sent electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions about the requirements for this program or application procedures, or wish to request an application package, contact Austin Belton, Director, Office of New Markets Venture Capital, Investment Division, or Louis Cupp, Policy Analyst, Investment Division, 202-205-6510. Applications and other information regarding SBA and its programs may be downloaded from SBA's web site at <http://www.sba.gov/inv>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SBA previously extended this application deadline from April 19, 2001 to May 21, 2001 (66 FR 18993, April 12, 2001). SBA originally published information about this funding opportunity in a Notice of Funds Availability ("NOFA"), published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2001 (66 FR 7247).

Applicants should refer to the NOFA (66 FR 7247) for more detailed information concerning this funding opportunity, including how to obtain applications and the amount of funds available for award. However, SBA makes one important revision to the NOFA. The NOFA referred applicants to an interim final rule SBA published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2001 (66 FR 7218). However, SBA will

be withdrawing that interim final rule and, as a result, will not be implementing the NMVC program with that rule (see discussion in preamble to SBA's proposed rule, published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001, 66 FR 20531-20532). Applicants instead are directed to a new final rule that SBA intends to publish in the **Federal Register** within a week of today's date. SBA will implement the NMVC program, including evaluating and selecting applications, through that new rule instead of through the interim final rule SBA previously published on January 22, 2001. Applicants should refer to SBA's new final rule for information concerning fee requirements, evaluation criteria, and other program requirements. SBA's new final rule will apply to all applications received for the NMVC program.

Authority: New Markets Venture Capital Program Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762A; Federal Funding Act, Fiscal Year 2001, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763; and 13 CFR part 108.

Dated: May 15, 2001.

Harry Haskins,
Acting Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Small Business Innovation Research Program Policy Directive

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy directive.

SUMMARY: This document proposes revisions to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Policy Directive. This revised proposed policy directive reflects recently enacted statutory requirements. It is proposed to provide guidance to participating Federal agencies for the general conduct of the SBIR Program.

DATES: Public comments on this proposed policy directive should be received on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposed revision to Maurice Swinton, Assistant Administrator for Technology, Office of Technology, Office of Policy, Planning, and Liaison, Office of Government Contracting/Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416 or via email to technology@sba.gov.