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ERNING RETIREMENT SAVINGS
BONDS**

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Subpart A—General Information

§ 347.0 Offering of securities.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of Title 31, Chapter 31, offers retirement savings bonds to the designated Roth IRA custodian for Treasury's retirement savings program. The bonds will be issued to and held by the designated custodian, on behalf of participants in Treasury's program. The current offer is effective on the publication date of this rule. This offering will continue until terminated by the Secretary. Treasury's Fiscal Assistant Secretary is authorized

to act on behalf of the Secretary on all matters contained in these regulations.

§ 347.1 Applicability.

The regulations in this part apply to retirement savings bonds issued to the designated Roth IRA custodian for Treasury's retirement savings program on behalf of program participants.

§ 347.2 Official agencies.

(a) The Bureau of the Fiscal Service of the Department of the Treasury is responsible for administering Treasury's retirement savings program and issuing the retirement savings bonds to the designated Roth IRA custodian.

(b) Communications concerning transactions related to an Individual's Roth IRA should be addressed to the designated Roth IRA custodian.

§ 347.3 Definitions.

(a) *Retirement savings bond*, as used in this part, means an interest bearing electronic United States savings bond issued to the designated Roth IRA custodian.

(b) *Designated Roth IRA custodian, designated custodian, or custodian* means the entity designated by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service to act as the custodian for Roth IRA accounts opened on behalf of program participants in Treasury's retirement savings program.

(c) *Individual* means a person eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA under 26 U.S.C. 408A.

(d) *Program participant* means an individual who has established a Roth IRA with the designated Roth IRA custodian.

(e) *Roth IRA* means an individual retirement account defined under 26 U.S.C. 408A.

(f) *Treasury* means the United States Department of the Treasury.

(g) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Treasury.

Subpart B—Registration**§ 347.10 Authorized form of registration.**

(a) Retirement savings bonds are issued to the designated Roth IRA custodian for Treasury's retirement savings program. No other registrations are permitted.

(b) In the event Treasury designates a successor designated Roth IRA custodian, retirement savings bonds held by the predecessor custodian will be re-issued to the successor custodian.

§ 347.11 Crediting of retirement savings bonds.

Each retirement savings bond issued to the designated Roth IRA custodian must be credited to a single individual retirement account established through Treasury's retirement savings program with the custodian.

Subpart C—Limitations on Additions**§ 347.20 Annual additions to a retirement savings bond.**

The amount that may be initially contributed or added to a retirement savings bond in a calendar year by the designated Roth IRA custodian on behalf of any program participant is limited to the annual Roth IRA contribution limits provided in 26 CFR 1.408A-3. The total value of a retirement savings bond that may be held by the designated Roth IRA custodian on behalf of any program participant shall not exceed \$15,000.00.

§ 347.21 Individual additions to a retirement savings bond.

The Commissioner of the Fiscal Service, as designee of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to establish minimum amounts for initial and additional contributions to a retirement savings bond.

Subpart D—General Provisions for Payment**§ 347.30 Payment (redemption).**

Payment of retirement savings bonds will be made to the designated Roth IRA custodian upon the custodian's

submission of a request for redemption to the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. The custodian shall request the redemption of all retirement savings bonds at their respective maturity. The custodian shall request the partial redemption of bonds held on behalf of program participants upon the request of an individual entitled to amounts in the Roth IRA. Retirement savings bond redemptions will be rounded to the nearest one cent.

Subpart E—Interest**§ 347.40 Computation of interest.**

Retirement savings bonds earn interest at the same annual percentage rate as securities issued to the Government Securities Investment Fund (G Fund) in the Thrift Savings Plan for federal employees. The Secretary of the Treasury calculates the G Fund interest rate pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8438(e)(2). The retirement savings bond interest rate compounds daily at 1/360 of the annual percentage rate. Retirement savings bonds will cease to bear interest on the date of their maturity.

§ 347.41 Maturity.

The maturity date for retirement savings bonds is indeterminate and may be different for each bond issued, but shall not exceed the sum of an original maturity period of 20 years and an extended maturity period of 10 years. The retirement savings bond purchased by the designated Roth IRA custodian on behalf of a program participant will mature at the earlier of 30 years from the date the bond is first issued to the custodian on behalf of the program participant or when the total value of the bond held on behalf of the program participant reaches \$15,000.00. The designated Roth IRA custodian will submit a request for redemption of retirement savings bonds upon maturity.

Subpart F—Miscellaneous**§ 347.50 Waiver of regulations.**

The Commissioner of the Fiscal Service, as designee of the Secretary of the Treasury, may waive or modify any

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provision or provisions of the regulations in this part. He or she may do so in any particular case or class of cases for the convenience of the United States or in order to relieve any person or persons of unnecessary hardship:

(a) If such action would not be inconsistent with law or equity;

(b) If it does not impair any material existing rights; and

(c) If he or she is satisfied that such action would not subject the United States to any substantial expense or liability.

§ 347.51 Additional requirements; bond of indemnity.

The Commissioner of the Fiscal Service, as designee of the Secretary of the Treasury, may require:

(a) Such additional evidence to support a requested action as he or she may consider necessary or advisable; or

(b) A bond of indemnity, with or without surety, in any case in which he or she may consider such a bond necessary for the protection of the interests of the United States.

§ 347.52 Supplements, amendments, or revisions.

The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe additional, supplemental, amendatory, or revised rules and regulations governing United States retirement savings bonds.

**PART 348—REGULATIONS GOV-
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PENSATION SECURITIES**

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§ 348.0 Offering of securities.

The Secretary of the Treasury (the Secretary) under authority of Title 31, Chapter 31, offers, at par, Depository Compensation Securities (securities) to financial agents of the Department of the Treasury. The securities are offered to financial agents of the Department

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of the Treasury designated under federal law (including, but not limited to: 12 U.S.C. 90, 265–266, 1464(k), and 1789a; 31 U.S.C. 3303) which have executed a Depositary, Financial Agency, and Collateral Agreement satisfactory to the Secretary, and are authorized to provide essential banking services to the Department of the Treasury. The securities will be issued in an amount not to exceed, in any case, the amount for which the financial agents are authorized. The securities are non-marketable Treasury securities that will be utilized to compensate financial agents, in whole or in part, for services performed on behalf of the Department of the Treasury. The financial agents will be compensated from the interest earned on the securities. This offering will continue until terminated by the Secretary. The Fiscal Assistant Secretary is authorized to act on behalf of the Secretary upon all matters contained in these regulations.

§ 348.1 Description of securities.

(a) *General.* The securities will be issued in book-entry form on the books of the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, WV.

(b) *Terms and rate of interest.* The securities will be issued as notes or bonds, depending on their maturity, under such terms and at such rates as determined and announced by the Secretary. The Secretary will set a given rate of interest that will apply to all securities issued while the rate is in effect. The interest will be payable on a monthly basis. The securities will be issued in a minimum of \$1,000 each.

(c) *Nontransferability.* The securities are not transferable, but they will be acceptable to secure compensating balances with financial agents (as described in § 348.0) and may not be used for any other purpose.

§ 348.2 Redemption/call/reinvestment.

(a) *Redemption by financial agents.* The securities may be redeemed prior to maturity by financial agents only under such terms and conditions as set forth in agreements between the financial agents and the Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Washington, DC.