

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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#### Extension:

Form BD/Rule 15b1-1, SEC File No. 270-0019, OMB Control No. 3235-0012

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 discussed below.

- Form BD/Rule 15b1-1, Application for Registration as a Broker or Dealer.

Sections 15(b) (1) and (2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 authorizes the Commission to prescribe by rule an application form for registration that contains such information about broker-dealers that is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. Similarly, Section 15B(a)(2) of the Exchange Act authorizes the Commission to prescribe an application form for registration of municipal securities dealers, and Section 15C(a)(2) of the Exchange Act authorizes the Commission to prescribe an application form for registration of government securities broker-dealers. Section 15C(a)(1)(B) further provides that registered broker-dealers engaging in government securities activities use provide the Commission with notice of such activities, in such form as the Commission may prescribe. To implement the foregoing statutory provisions of the Exchange Act, the Commission has promulgated, pursuant to Rule 15b1-1, 17 CFR 240.15b1-1, Form BD (17 CFR 249.501), the uniform application for broker-dealer registration. Form BD requires the applicant or registrant filing the form to provide the Commission with certain information concerning the nature of its business and the background of its principals, controlling persons, and employees. Form BD is designed to permit the Commission to determine whether the applicant meets the statutory requirements to engage in the securities business. Form BD also is used to register as broker-dealers with certain self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") and all of the states.

For fiscal year 1996, the Commission received approximately 846 full form BDs for initial or successor applications for registration as a broker-dealer, non-bank municipal securities dealer, or non-bank government securities broker-dealer (pursuant to Rule 15b1-1, 15b1-3, 15b1-4, 15Ba2-2(a), 15Ba2-4, 15Ba2-5, 15Ca2-1, 15Ca2-3, and 15Ca2-4). Although the time necessary to complete Form BD will vary depending on the nature and complexity of the applicant's securities business, Commission staff estimates that the average time necessary to complete the full form is approximately 2.75 hours. Thus, the total burden hours for the filing of a full form BD is 2,326.50 hours (2.75x846).

In addition to full Form BD, applicants are required to file amendments to Form BD when information originally reported changes or becomes inaccurate. For fiscal year 1996, the Commission received approximately 15,000 amendments. The staff estimates that the average time necessary to complete an amendment is approximately 0.33 hours. Thus, the total burden hours for the filing of Form BD amendments is 4,950 hours (0.33x15,000). In sum, the total annual burden for Form BD and Form BD amendments is 7,276.50 hours (2,326.50+4,950).

Form BD must be kept by the broker-dealer for as long as it is operating. Completing and filing Form BD is mandatory for broker-dealers but does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that 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.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 23019; 812-10934]

### SBSF Funds, Inc. d/b/a Key Mutual Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

February 3, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Securities and exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") from section 17(a) of the Act.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants request an order that would permit certain series of the Victory Portfolios to acquire all of the assets and assume all of the liabilities of certain series of SBSF Funds, Inc. d/b/a Key Mutual Funds.

**APPLICANTS:** The Victory Portfolios, on behalf of eight of its series; SBSF Funds, Inc. d/b/a/ Key Mutual Funds (the "Key Funds"), on behalf of eight of its series; and Key Asset Management Inc. ("KAM").

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on December 30, 1997. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment, the substance of which is incorporated in this notice, during the notice period.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 .m. on March 2, 1998 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants: SBSF Funds, Inc. d/b/a Key Mutual Funds and Victory Portfolios, 3435 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 44114 and Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deepak T. Pai, Attorney Adviser, at (202) 942-0574, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the