

companies (13 CFR 107.300 (1997)) for a license to operate as a small business investment company.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, after having considered the application and all other pertinent information, SBA issued License No. 05/05-0241 on June 4, 1999 to U.S. Bancorp Capital Corporation to operate as a small business investment company.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.11, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: November 30, 1999.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Wolf Venture Fund III, L.P.

[License No. 08/78-0157]

#### Notice of Issuance of a Small Business Investment Company License

On April 13, 1999, an application was filed by Wolf Venture Fund III, L.P. at 50 South Steele Street, Suite 77, Denver, Colorado 80209 with the Small Business Administration (SBA) pursuant to section 107.300 of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.300 (1997)) for a license to operate as a small business investment company.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, after having considered the application and all other pertinent information, SBA issued License No. 08/78-0157 on September 16, 1999 to Wolf Venture Fund III, L.P. to operate as a small business investment company.

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**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 01/71-0372]

#### Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P., 101 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02142, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the proposed financing of a small concern is seeking an exemption under section 312 of the Act and section 107.730, Financials which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730 (1998)). An exemption may not be granted by SBA until Notices of this transaction have been published. Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P., proposes to provide equity financing to Evergreen Solar, Inc., 211 Second Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451. The financing is contemplated for funding growth.

The financing is brought within the purview of section 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P., an Associate of Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P., owns greater than 10 percent of Evergreen Solar, Inc. and therefore Evergreen Solar, Inc. is considered an Associate of Zero Stage Capital VI, L.P. as defined in section 107.50 of the Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may, not later than fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice, submit written comments on the proposed transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20416.

A copy of this Notice shall be published, in accordance with section 107.730(g), in the Boston Herald, Boston, Massachusetts.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: December 1, 1999.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3229]

### U.S. Virgin Islands

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on November 23, 1999, and amendments thereto, I find that St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Water Islands in the U. S. Virgin Islands constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Lenny beginning on November 16, 1999 and continuing through November 20, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on January 22, 2000, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on August 23, 2000 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

|                                                                                         | Percent |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| For Physical Damage:                                                                    |         |
| Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....                                        | 7.500   |
| Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....                                     | 3.750   |
| 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 .....       | 6.750   |
| For Economic Injury:                                                                    |         |
| Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere ..... | 4.000   |

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 322908 for physical damage and 9F8300 for economic injury.

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

Dated: November 30, 1999.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3169]

### Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Partners in Education Program

**NOTICE:** Request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the