

The fund will be privately owned and privately managed. OPIC is seeking proposals from qualified prospective fund managers. The proposed fund manager must demonstrate experience and success on at least the following four criteria: Capital raising capability; private equity management; a broad infrastructure investment record; and sub-Saharan Africa experience.

Proposals should identify the sources of capital that the proposer would expect to approach on behalf of the fund (either directly or through an independent securities placement agent). OPIC's preference is for a majority of the fund's equity to be provided by U.S. investors.

Proposals should describe the legal, financial and management structure that the proposed fund manager recommends for the fund. This should include the level of economic return and the other benefits that the various investors would look for, as well as the proposed compensation for the fund's management. The fund should be structured to ensure that it fully covers the cost of the program, including the OPIC-guaranteed debt, as well as projected fees and profit participations.

OPIC's evaluation of proposals will be based primarily on the following criteria:

- The ability of the fund sponsors to raise the required private capital in a reasonable period of time.
- The credibility and thoughtfulness of the fund's strategic concept and business plan.
- The experience and depth of the proposed management, both in the U.S. and in the countries where investments are to be made. OPIC seeks fund managers with a track record in direct equity investments and relevant regional experience. OPIC will weigh heavily the team's experience in infrastructure investment and project finance. The fund manager is expected to add value to the portfolio investments by providing management expertise and enhancing the business of portfolio investments, and to have a strategy for the eventual liquidation of investments.
- The amount and terms of the OPIC-guaranteed debt required by the fund.
- The responsiveness of the fund to current foreign policy objectives of the United States.

An OPIC Investment Funds Program Description, and a Questionnaire, may be obtained on OPIC's web site (<http://www.opic.gov>). The Questionnaire is designed to identify information that will be helpful to OPIC in evaluating proposals.

OPIC may periodically post additional information on its internet web site in

the form of Supplements to the Call for Proposals. Any information so designated on OPIC's web site may supplement or modify, and will be considered a part of, the information set forth in this Call for Proposals. The identity of all persons submitting proposals will be promptly posted on OPIC's web site, so that they are known to each other.

Proposals must be submitted both in writing and on diskette. Five copies of each proposal, together with a copy on diskette in Microsoft Word or Excel 97 format, as appropriate, must be received by OPIC by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, December 29, 2000. Proposals submitted after this time will not be accepted. OPIC may make a determination based solely on the written proposals. OPIC will begin review of proposals as they are received. Proposals submitted may be supplemented at any time up to the deadline for submission of proposals. Information contained in proposals or questions from submitters will not be given proprietary treatment. OPIC may suggest its own formulation from among the proposals it receives or based on its own analysis, which formulation may include a suggestion that certain proposals be combined. Such a suggestion from OPIC would not reinitiate this Call for Proposals process. OPIC also reserves the right not to select any of the proposals or alternatives and to re-initiate this Call for Proposals. The issuance of this Call for Proposals does not obligate OPIC to provide support to any proposal nor any fund.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

Time and Dates: 1 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2001; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2001.

Place: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

Status: January 8 (Closed); January 9 (Open).

Matters to be Considered:

Monday, January 8—1:00 p.m. (Closed)

1. Business Initiative.
2. Financial Performance.
3. Strategic Planning.

4. Compensation Issues.
5. Personnel Matters.

Tuesday, January 9—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings, December 1, and December 4-5, 2000.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Consideration of Board Resolution on Capital Funding.
4. Annual Report on Government in the Sunshine Act Compliance.
5. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Report.
6. Quarterly Report on Financial Results.
7. Capital Investments.
 - a. Integrated Data System Upgrade.
 - b. Time and Attendance Collection System.
 - c. Standard Accounting for Retail Annual Report.
 - d. Postal Field Computing Infrastructure.
8. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.
9. Tentative Agenda for the February 5-6, 2001, meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In Accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of