in item IV below and is set forth in sections A, B, and C below.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Phlx proposes to amend its schedule of dues, fees and charges applicable to equity options by increasing: (1) The Firm/Proprietary transaction charge from $.15 per contract to $.20 per contract; (2) the Firm/Proprietary Facilitation transaction charge from $.08 per contract to $.10 per contract; (3) the Registered Options Trader (on-floor) transaction charge from $.16 per contract to $.19 per contract; and (4) the Specialist transaction charge from $.18 per contract to $.21 per contract (the ''Amended Fees'').[3] The Amended Fees are scheduled to be implemented on transactions settling on or after June 1, 2003. In addition, the Exchange proposes to delete the text of footnote 9 of its schedule of dues, fees, and charges, which inadvertently was not changed when amendments were made to the Firm/Proprietary Facilitation transaction charge in May 2002.[4]

The Exchange states that the purpose of the proposed fee changes to the Firm/Proprietary transaction charge, the Firm/Proprietary Facilitation transaction charge, the Registered Option trader (on-floor) transaction charge, and the Specialist transaction charge is to raise revenue for the Exchange from equity options transactions, which the Exchange believes should help offset rising Exchange costs associated with maintaining a competitive marketplace for its members and investors.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act [5] in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4) of the Act [6] in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members, as it raises the equity option transaction fee for many users.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any 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.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act [7] and rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder.[8] 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 proposal 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. 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–2003–38 and should be submitted by July 10, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[9]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104–13 effective October 1, 1995, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be sent to the individuals listed below:

(OMB),Office of Management and Budget,Attn: Desk Officer for SSA,Fax: 202–395–6974.

(SSA),Social Security Administration, DCFAM,Attn: Reports Clearance Officer,1338 Annex Bldg.,6401 Security Blvd.,Baltimore, MD 21235,Fax: 410–965–6400.

SSA has submitted the information collection listed below for emergency consideration by OMB. SSA has requested OMB approval within 28 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments will be most useful if received before the 28 days conclude. You can obtain copies of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410–965–0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

Survey of Adults To Determine Public Understanding of Social Security Programs—0960–0612

As required by section 2(b) of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), which provides that

[3] These equity option transaction charges had heretofore been eligible for a monthly credit of up to $1,000 to be applied against certain fees, dues and charges and other amounts owed to the Exchange by certain members. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44292 (May 11, 2001), 66 FR 27715 (May 18, 2001) (SR–Phlx–2001–49). This credit program expired effective May 2003. The Exchange intends to file a separate proposed rule change to remove references to the member credit throughout the entire schedule of dues, fees and charges.

[4] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45942 (May 16, 2002), 67 FR 36060 (May 22, 2002) (SR–Phlx–2002–32).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[6] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[8] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

[9] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

Agencies establish the means for measuring their progress in achieving agency-level goals, SSA established the Public Understanding Measurement System (PUMS) in 1998 as a tool for measuring its performance in meeting its strategic objectives in the area of public knowledge about and understanding of the Social Security program. The instrument used in PUMS is a national phone survey of adult Americans (age 18 and over) which will be conducted annually for SSA by a professional polling organization.

SSA has recently put in place a new strategic plan and established a new strategic performance objective, ''the percent of adult Americans who are knowledgeable about the current Social Security program and related issues, including long-range financing.'' In line with the new plan, SSA is revising its public education program to include information about Social Security issues such as program solvency. SSA is also adjusting its PUMS process to collect baseline (initial) data on this revised measure. Once this baseline data is collected, SSA will set a strategic performance goal with yearly performance targets as required by the GPRA.

The survey instrument is designed to collect baseline knowledge data at the national level via 1,400 national surveys. Additionally, the survey is designed to assure a valid baseline knowledge measure for key populations toward which SSA has significant targeted education and outreach programs—African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans. This data is a crucial step in making SSA more focused and effective in its communication programs.

Without the data provided by the PUMS survey process, SSA would lack the capability to measure the actual level of public knowledge by which its performance is measured and would lack data to design effective public education programs in support of its strategic plan. The respondents will be randomly selected adults residing in the United States.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with change of an information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1400.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 350 hours.

Dated: June 16, 2003.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4383]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: FY 2004 Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program With Eurasia

Summary: The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program with Eurasia. Accredited, post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to pursue institutional or departmental objectives in partnership with foreign counterpart institutions with support from the Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program with Eurasia. These objectives should directly support the overall goals of the Program: to support democratic systems and market economies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, and to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between these countries and the United States. The means of achieving these objectives may include faculty exchange, curriculum development, and outreach to professionals and other members of the communities served by the participating institutions.

Program Overview

The Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program with Eurasia provides grants to U.S. colleges or universities of up to $250,000 to support institutional linkages in higher education with partners in eligible countries. Other RFGPs for educational partnerships may also be published this fiscal year, with information available from: *http://exchanges.state.gov/education/rfgps/.*

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project ideas during the proposal development process with the relevant program officer (please *see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for contact details) who may be able to provide additional insight into priorities by country as well as background information on what types of projects are most competitive for funding.

Project Objectives

The purpose of the program is to support the development or revision of courses, curricula, outreach programs and programs of study at participating institutions in ways that strengthen democracy and free markets in Eurasia as well as mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of Eurasia. Applicants are invited to propose institutional objectives that support this purpose. Proposals should explain in detail how project activities will enable participants to achieve specific changes at the cooperating departments or institutions, whose objectives should be consistent with the Program's goal of supporting democratic systems based on market economies. While the benefits of the project to each of the participating institutions may differ significantly in nature and scope based on their respective needs and resource bases, proposals should outline well-reasoned strategies that are designed to meet specific objectives at each participatingU.S. and foreign department or institution as a whole. In most cases a proposal to pursue a limited number of related thematic objectives at each institution will be stronger and more coherent than a proposal addressing a large number of unrelated objectives.

For example, proposals may outline the parameters and possible content of new courses; new teaching specializations or methodologies; new or revised curricula; and new programs for outreach to educators, professional groups, or the general public. Proposals should explain in substantial detail strategies to promote curriculum, faculty, and staff development, as well as administrative reform, at the foreign partner institution(s). Projects may result in the development of a new academic program or the restructuring of an existing program, and should equip institutions of higher education to contribute to democracy and/or open markets in the foreign partner country. Plans to extend the benefits of the project to larger audiences through outreach to foreign government, NGO, and business representatives are especially encouraged.

Projects focusing on curricular reform at the foreign partner institution should describe the existing curriculum, the courses targeted for revision, and how the current content will be restructured to incorporate the new academic themes. The proposal should additionally describe the topics and content of any new courses or educational materials that will be developed and introduced. If the project proposes to develop a new degree or certificate program, the proposal should detail the steps being taken to apply for approval for the new program from the foreign partner's Ministry of Education (or other appropriate agency). The