G. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange did not solicit or receive any written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve the proposed rule change, or

B. Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments

• Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or

• Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–CBOE–2005–24 on the subject line.

Paper comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CBOE–2005–24 on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help 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 Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CBOE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CBOE–2005–24 and should be submitted on or before June 8, 2005.

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

J. Lynn Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Action Subject to Intergovernmental Review Under Executive Order 12372

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of action subject to intergovernmental review under Executive Order 12372.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is notifying the public that it intends to grant the pending applications of 22 existing Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for refunding on October 1, 2005, subject to the availability of funds. Six states do not participate in the EO 12372 process; therefore, their addresses are not included. A short description of the SBDC program follows in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

The SBA is publishing this notice at least 120 days before the expected refunding date. The SBDCs and their mailing addresses are listed below in the address section. A copy of this notice also is being furnished to the respective State point single point of contact designated under the Executive Order. Each SBDC application must be consistent with any area-wide small business assistance plan adopted by a State-authorized agency.

DATES: A State single point of contact and other interested State or local entities may submit written comments regarding an SBDC refunding within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice to the SBDC.

ADDRESSES:

Addresses or Relevant SBDC State Directors

Mr. Al Salgado, Region Director, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio, 501 West Durango Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78207. (210) 458–2450.

Mr. Conley Salyer, State Director, West Virginia Development Office, 950 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25301. (304) 538–2960.

Mr. Clinton Tymes, State Director, University of Delaware, One Innovation Way, Suite 301, Newark, DE 19711. (302) 831–2747.

Ms. Carmen Marti, SBDC Director, Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Ponce de Leon Avenue, #416, Edificio Union Plaza, Seventh Floor, Hato Rey, PR 00918. (787) 763–6811.

Mr. Michael Young, Region Director, University of Houston, 2302 Fannin, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77002. (713) 752–8425.


Ms. Liz Klimbick, Region Director, Dallas Community College, 1402 Corinith Street, Dallas, TX 75212. (214) 860–5835.

Ms. Rene Sprow, State Director, Univ. of Maryland @ College Park, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 401, Baltimore, MD 20742–1815. (301) 403–8300.

Mr. Craig Bean, Region Director, Texas Tech University, 2579 South Loop 289, Suite 114, Lubbock, TX 79423–1637. (806) 745–3973.

Ms. Diane Wolverton, State Director, University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3922, Laramie, WY 82071. (307) 766–3505.

Mr. Max Summers, State Director, University of Missouri, 1205 University Avenue, Suite 300, Columbia, MO 65211. (573) 882–1348.

Mr. Jon Ryan, State Director, Iowa State University, 340 Gerdine Business Building, Ames, IA 50011–1350. (515) 294–2037.

Mr. James L. King, State Director, State University of New York, SUNY Plaza, S–523, Albany, NY 12246. (518) 443–5398.

Ms. Jane Howard, Acting State Director, Ohio Department of Development, 77 South High Street, 28th Floor, Columbus, OH 43216–1001. (614) 466–5095.

Mr. Donald L. Kelpinski, State Director, Vermont Technical College, P.O. Box 188, Randolph Center, VT 05061–0188. (802) 726–9101.

Mr. Warren Bush, SBDC Director, University of the Virgin Islands, 8000 Nisky Center, Suite 720, St. Thomas, US VI 00802–5804. (340) 776–3206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio Dosu, Associate Administrator for SBDCs, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the SBDC Program

A partnership exists between SBA and an SBDC. SBDCs offer training,
counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the general management and oversight of SBA, and a State plan initially approved by the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA’s regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

Program Objectives

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of States, academic institutions and the private sector to:

(a) Strengthen the small business community;
(b) Increase economic growth;
(c) Assist more small businesses; and
(d) Broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA’s priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statutes, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

(a) Locate service centers so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
(b) Open all service centers at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
(c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
(d) Maintain list of private consultants at each service center.

Dated: May 12, 2005.

Antonio Doss,
Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5083]

Notice Convening an Accountability Review Board for the January 29, 2005, Rocket Attack on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq Which Caused the Deaths of LCDR Keith Taylor, USN, and Ms. Barbara Heald

Pursuant to section 301 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4831 et seq.), the Secretary of State has determined that the January 29, 2005 deaths of LCDR Keith Taylor, USN, and Ms. Barbara Heald of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, involved loss of life at or related to a U.S. mission abroad. Therefore, the Secretary has convened an Accountability Review Board, as required by that statute, to examine the facts and the circumstances of the attack and to report to me such findings and recommendations as it deems appropriate, in keeping with the attached mandate.

The Secretary has appointed Edward G. Lanpher, a retired U.S. Ambassador, as Chair of the Board. He will be assisted by M. Bart Flaherty, Frederick Mecke, Mike Absher, Laurie Tracy and by Executive Secretary to the Board, Douglas Hengel. They bring to their deliberations distinguished backgrounds in government service and/or in the private sector.

The Board will submit its conclusions and recommendations to Secretary Rice within 60 days of its first meeting, unless the Chair determines a need for additional time. Appropriate action will be taken and reports submitted to Congress on any recommendations made by the Board.

The Department of State invites public comment on the release of Solano County from the conditions and restrictions contained in applicable grant agreements with the United States for approximately 1.9 acres of undeveloped airport land obligated for airport purposes at Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville, California, and which is not needed for airport purposes. The airport land is needed for the realignment and widening of East Monte Vista Avenue, the primary access to the Airport. The improvements to East Monte Vista Avenue represent a compatible land use and will provide better access to the Airport and enhance the value and economic vitality of the Airport. Upon the release of this airport land, the City of Vacaville will acquire the land at appraised fair market value. Solano County will use the sale proceeds for needed airport improvements.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, Federal Register Comment, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Andrew Swanson, Airport Manager, Nut Tree Airport, 301 County Airport Road, Vacaville, California 95688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Racior Cavole, Airports Compliance Specialist, San Francisco Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, California 94010,