SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Size Standards: Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Laboratory Equipment Manufacturing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Systems (CS–MS), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) Systems, Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GC–MS) Systems, and, Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP–MS) Systems under Product Service Code (PSC) 6640 (Laboratory Equipment and Supplies), under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 334516 (Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing). According to the request, no small business manufacturers supply these classes of products to the Federal Government. Thus, SBA is seeking information on whether there are small business manufacturers of these items. If granted, the waiver would allow otherwise qualified small businesses to supply the product of any manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) small businesses or Participants in the SBA’s 8(a) Business Development (BD) program.

DATES: Comments and source information must be submitted July 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and source information to Amy Garcia, Procurement Analyst, Small Business Administration, Office of Government Contracting, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8800, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Garcia, Procurement Analyst, by telephone at (202) 205–6842; by FAX at (202) 481–1630; or by e-mail at amy.garcia@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), and SBA’s implementing regulations require that recipients of Federal supply contracts set aside for small businesses, SDVO small businesses, or Participants in the SBA’s 8(a) BD Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. 13 CFR 121.406(b), 125.15(c). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any “class of products” for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

In order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal Government within the last 24 months. 13 CFR 121.1202(c). The SBA defines “class of products” based on the Office of Management and Budget’s NAICS. In addition, SBA uses PSCs to further identify particular products within the NAICS code to which a waiver would apply. The SBA may then identify a specific item within a PSC and NAICS to which a class waiver would apply.

The SBA is currently processing a request to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Systems (CS–MS), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) Systems, Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GC–MS) Systems, and, Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP–MS) Systems under Laboratory Equipment Manufacturing, PSC 6640 (Laboratory Equipment and Supplies), under NAICS code 334516 (Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing). The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for the product within 15 days after date of posting in the Federal Register and on FedBizOpps.gov.

Karen Hontz,
Director, Office of Government Contracting.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940


The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of June 2010. A copy of each application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090. An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC’s Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on July 20, 2010, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Core Strategies Fund [File No. 811–21615]; Core Strategies Managed Volatility Fund [File No. 811–21710]

Summary: Each applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicants have never made a public offering of their securities and do not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.