submissions must be filed online as provided by rule 9 of the Commission’s rules of practice, 39 CFR 3001.9, unless a waiver is obtained. 8 All submissions that do not conform to the rules of practice for online filings and do not obtain a waiver from the online filing requirements will be treated as informal statements of views and shall be placed in a separate file to be maintained by the Secretary as provided in 39 CFR 3001.20b.

IV. Public Representative

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission hereby appoints James Waclawski to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. Technical assistance will be provided by Pamela A. Thompson and Natalie L. Kea. Neither Mr. Waclawski nor any staff assigned to assist him shall participate in or provide any advice on any Commission decision in this proceeding other than in their designated capacity.

V. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Subject to further orders, the Commission adopts the procedural schedule as set forth in the body of this order.

3. The Commission will sit en banc in this proceeding.

4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints James Waclawski to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
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.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is notifying the public that it intends to grant the pending applications of 39 existing Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for refunding on January 1, 2011 subject to the availability of funds. Twenty 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 90 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 single points 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:

Mr. Greg Panichello, State Director, Salt Lake Community College, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, UT 84070, (801) 957–3481.
Ms. Michelle Abraham, State Director, University of South Carolina, 1710 College Street, Columbia, SC 29208, (803) 777–4907.
Ms. Diane R. Howerton, Regional Director, University of California, Merced, 550 East Shaw, Suite 105A, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 241–7406.
Ms. Debbie Trujillo, Regional Director, SW Community College District, 900 Otey Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910, (619) 482–6388.
Mr. Casey Jeszenka, SBDC Director, University of Guam, P.O. Box 5014–U.O.G. Station, Mangilao, GU 96923, (671) 735–2590.
Mr. Dan Ripek, Regional Director, California State University, Chico, Building 35, CSU Chico, Chico, CA 95929, (530) 898–4958.
Ms. Priscilla Lopez, Regional Director, California State University, Fullerton, 800 North State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92834, (714) 278–2719.
Mr. Herbert Thweatt, Director, American Samoa Community College, P.O. Box 2609, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799, 011–684–699–4830.
Jerry Cartwright, State Director, University of West Florida, 401 East Chase Street, Suite 100, Pensacola, FL 32502, (850) 473–7800.
Mr. Sam Males, State Director, University of Nevada Reno, College of Business Admin., Room 411, Reno, NV 89557–0100, (775) 784–1717.
Mr. Mark DeLisle, State Director, University of Southern Maine, 96 Fal- mouth Street, Portland, ME 04103, (207) 358–7765.
Ms. Kristin Johnson, Regional Director, Humboldt State University, Of- fice of Economic & Community Dev., 1 Harpst Street, 2006A, Sie- mens Hall, Arcata, CA 95521, (707) 826–3920.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio Doss, 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 the SBA. SBDCs operate on the basis of a state plan to provide assistance within a state or geographic area. The initial plan must have the written approval of 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.

8 Formal intervention is not necessary.
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 statute, 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 lists of private consultants at each service center.

Dated: July 9, 2010.

Antonio Doss,
Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration’s intentions to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to: Carol Fendler, System Accountant, Office of Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To obtain the information needed to carry out its oversight responsibilities under the Small Business Investment Act, Small Business Administration (SBA) requires licensed small business investment companies to submit financial statements, with supplementary schedules tailored to current regulatory requirements, on SBA Form 468. SBA uses this information to monitor financial condition and regulatory compliance of Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC), and for credit analysis when considering whether to approve requests for financial assistance to SBICs.

Title: “SBIC Financial Reports”.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Form Numbers: 468, 468.1, 468.2, 468.3, 468.4.

Annual Responses: 1,265.

Annual Burden: 740.

Jacqueline White,
Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Register Meeting Notice; Webinar About Regional Innovation Clusters RFP

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

ACTION: Notice of open webinar meeting to discuss Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Request for Proposals (RFP) No. SBAHQ–10–R–0021.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date of a webinar it is hosting to answer questions from potential Offerors about the Regional Innovation Clusters RFP. For more information please go to http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html. The RFP may be found on http://www.fedbizopps.gov.

Logistical Information: The webinar will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2010. For details, please visit http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from existing regional innovation clusters to provide business training, counseling, mentoring, commercialization and technology transfer services, and other services that support the growth and development of small businesses in the cluster area and industries. SBA intends to make multiple fixed-price contract awards, each with a one-year base term with an option for an additional year. Annual proposal costs should not exceed $600,000 and all contracts will be subject to applicable contract cost principles and procedures (Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31). SBA will select regional innovation clusters in communities across the country that meet its specified criteria. Offerors will be asked to demonstrate that they have partnerships, technical capacity, and local assets to support their existing regional cluster, as well as experience fostering small business development and growth opportunities. SBA will evaluate offers based on a number of criteria, including the impact the services will have on the region’s economic growth, creation of sustainable jobs and the opportunities the regional innovation cluster will provide for small businesses. The RFP was posted on http://