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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel
Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM
decisions granting authority to make
appointments under Schedules A, B,
and C in the excepted service as
required by 5 CFR 213.103.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing
in the listing below are the individual
authorities established under Schedules
A, B, and C between December 1, 2010,
and December 31, 2010. These notices
are published monthly in the **Federal
Register** at

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. A
consolidated listing of all authorities as
of June 30 is also published each year.
The following Schedules are not
codified in the Code of Federal
Regulations. These are agency-specific
exceptions.

Schedule A

Schedule A authorities to report
during December 2010:

Section 3105 Department of the
Treasury.

(a) Office of the Secretary.

(4) Up to 35 temporary or time-limited
positions at the GS-9 through 15 grade
levels to support the organization,
design and stand-up activities for the
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,
as mandated by Public Law 111-203.
This authority may be used for the
following series: GS-201, GS-501, GS-
560, GS-1035, GS-1102, GS-1150, GS-
1720, GS-1801, and GS-2210. No new
appointments may be made under this
authority after July 21, 2011, the
designated transfer date of the CFPB.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report
during December 2010.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C
appointments were approved during
December 2010.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.	Special Assistant	DA110011	12/01/2010
	Office of Communications	Deputy Director, Operations	DA110016	12/01/2010
	Office of the General Counsel	Senior Counselor	DA110009	12/10/2010
	Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development.	Chief of Staff	DA110018	12/29/2010
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS .. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DC110021	12/14/2010
	Staff Members	Special Assistant	CC110001	12/14/2010
	Office of the Chairperson	Administrative Assistant	CT110001	12/29/2010
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.	Council on Environmental Quality	Special Assistant	EQ110002	12/13/2010
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).	Senior Communications Ad- visor for Under Secretary of Defense.	DD110019	12/03/2010
	Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).	Strategic Planner	DD110026	12/13/2010
	Washington Headquarters Ser- vices.	Defense Fellow	DD110030	12/22/2010
	Washington Headquarters Ser- vices.	Defense Fellow	DD110027	12/13/2010
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DN110007	12/21/2010
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DN110008	12/21/2010
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	Office of the Under Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB110008	12/10/2010
	Office of the Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB110011	12/10/2010
	Office of the Under Secretary	Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neigh- borhood Partnerships.	DB110012	12/10/2010
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	Office of Public Affairs	Chief Speechwriter	DE110018	12/22/2010
	Board of Directors	Executive Secretary	EB110004	12/06/2010
	Office of the Executive Vice Presi- dent.	Senior Vice President of Congressional Affairs.	EB110005	12/14/2010
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINIS- TRATION.	New England Region	Regional Administrator	GS110005	12/23/2010
	Office of the Administrator	Senior Advisor of the Chief of Staff.	GS110011	12/30/2010
	Office of Communications and Marketing.	Associate Administrator for Communications and Marketing.	GS110010	12/29/2010
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation.	Special Assistant	DH110014	12/10/2010

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Confidential Assistant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	DH110013	12/10/2010
	Office of the Executive Secretary for Operations and Administration.	Secretary Briefing Book Coordinator.	DM110023	12/13/2010
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Press Assistant	DM110026	12/13/2010
	Office of the General Counsel	Special Assistant	DM110028	12/13/2010
	Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary. Department of Homeland Security	Special Assistant	DM110030	12/29/2010
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications.	DM110031	12/22/2010
	Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.	Staff Assistant	DU110010	12/10/2010
	Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities.	Senior Advisor	DU110004	12/10/2010
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	Office of Policy Development and Research.	Special Assistant	DU110011	12/21/2010
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DI110013	12/22/2010
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	Office of Public Affairs	Press Assistant	DJ110023	12/29/2010
	Office of the Deputy Attorney General.	Counsel	DJ110025	12/30/2010
	Office of the Deputy Attorney General.	Senior Counsel	DJ100172	12/21/2010
	Office of Legal Policy	Counsel	DJ110027	12/30/2010
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Senior Legislative Officer ...	DL110008	12/17/2010
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.	Office of Communications and Public Liaison.	Senior Communications Assistant.	SB110005	12/08/2010
	Office of Field Operations	Regional Administrator, Region III, Philadelphia, PA.	SB110006	12/10/2010
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Foreign Policy Planning Staff	Speechwriter	DS110013	12/03/2010
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.	Secretary of the Treasury	Special Assistant	DY110023	12/20/2010

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Promissory Note Proceedings

February 15, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2011, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially prepared by FINRA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 13806 of the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes (“Industry Code”) to provide that FINRA will appoint a chair-qualified public arbitrator to a panel resolving a promissory note dispute instead of appointing a chair-qualified public arbitrator also qualified to resolve a statutory discrimination claim.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

In 2009, FINRA implemented new procedures to expedite the administration of cases that solely involve a broker-dealer’s claim that an associated person failed to pay money owed on a promissory note.³ Under

³ See Securities Exchange Act Rel. No. 60132 (June 17, 2009), 74 FR 30191 (June 24, 2009) (File No. SR–FINRA–2009–015). FINRA announced implementation of New Rule 13806 (Promissory

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.