

professional (ST) rate range remains at \$119,554 in 2011. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by an SL/ST performance appraisal system that has not been certified. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems in 2011 for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions also must apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$230,700 in 2011, the same level as in 2010).

By law, SES members and employees in SL and ST positions are not authorized to receive locality payments. Note: An exception applies to SES, SL, and ST employees stationed in a nonforeign area on January 2, 2010, which is explained in an OPM memorandum, CPM 2009-27. (See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/index.asp>.)

Executive Order 13561 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are not increased in 2011. The rate of basic pay for AL-1 remains at \$155,500 (equivalent to the rate for EX-IV). The rate of basic pay for AL-2 remains at \$151,800. The rates of basic pay for AL-3/A through 3/F continue to range from \$103,900 to \$143,700.

The rates of basic pay for members of Contract Appeals Boards are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, these rates of basic pay are not increased in 2011.

On December 13, 2010, the President's Pay Agent extended locality-based comparability payments to certain categories of non-GS employees again in 2011. The Governmentwide categories include ALJs and Contract Appeals Board members. The maximum locality rate of pay for these employees is the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule (\$165,300 in 2011, the same level as in 2010).

On December 27, 2010, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2010-20) on the Executive order for the 2011 pay schedules. (See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/index.asp>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13561 and provided the 2011 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related information. The "2011 Salary Tables" posted on OPM's Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/11tables/index.asp> are the official rates of pay for

affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Hispanic Council on Federal Employment

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hispanic Council on Federal Employment will hold its second meeting on April 15, 2011, at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory committee composed of representatives from Hispanic organizations and senior government officials. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council shall advise the Director of the Office of Personnel Management on matters involving the recruitment, hiring, and advancement of Hispanics in the Federal workforce. The Council is co-chaired by the Chief of Staff of the Office of Personnel Management and the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**DATES:** April 15, 2011 from 2-4 p.m.

*Location:* U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 1416, 1st Floor, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E St., NW., Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Veronica E. Villalobos, Director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St., NW., Suite 5305, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2984 FAX (202) 606-2183 or e-mail at [Edgar.Gonzalez@opm.gov](mailto:Edgar.Gonzalez@opm.gov).

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### *Extension:*

Rule 17Ac3-1(a); SEC File No. 270-96; OMB Control No. 3235-0151. Form TA-W(1669); SEC File No. 270-96; OMB Control No. 3235-0151.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in the following rule: Rule 17Ac3-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Exchange Act authorizes transfer agents registered with an appropriate regulatory agency ("ARA") to withdraw from registration by filing with the ARA a written notice of withdrawal and by agreeing to such terms and conditions as the ARA deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A.

In order to implement Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Exchange Act the Commission, on September 1, 1977, promulgated Rule 17Ac3-1(a) (17 CFR 240.17Ac3-1(a)) and accompanying Form TA-W (17 CFR 249b.101). Rule 17Ac3-1(a) provides that notice of withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent with the Commission shall be filed on Form TA-W. Form TA-W requires the withdrawing transfer agent to provide the Commission with certain information, including: (1) The locations where transfer agent activities are or were performed; (2) the reasons for ceasing the performance of such activities; (3) disclosure of unsatisfied judgments or liens; and (4) information regarding successor transfer agents.

The Commission uses the information disclosed on Form TA-W to determine whether the registered transfer agent applying for withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent should be allowed to deregister and, if so, whether the Commission should attach to the granting of the application any terms or conditions necessary or appropriate in