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Dated: December 5, 2011.

**Patricia A. Embrey,**

*Acting Associate General Counsel.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0977; FRL-9505-5]

### Request for Nominations of Experts to the Office of Research and Development's Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Staff Office is requesting public nominations for technical experts to fill current

vacancies on the BOSC Executive Committee. Nominations should be submitted via the BOSC Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/nomination.htm>.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by January 20, 2012, per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public needing additional information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Ms. Susan Peterson, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-1077; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: [peterson.susan@epa.gov](mailto:peterson.susan@epa.gov). General information concerning the Board of Scientific Counselors can be found at the BOSC Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The BOSC is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that was established by the U.S. EPA to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations about the Office of Research and Development. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the BOSC conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations.

The BOSC Executive Committee is comprised of approximately 20 members who are recognized experts in various scientific, engineering, and social science fields. EPA is soliciting candidates to fill eight vacancies. EPA will consider candidates from the environmental scientific/technical fields, human health care professionals, academia, industry, public and private research institutes or organizations, non-government organizations, and other relevant interest areas. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a period of three years and serve as special government employees. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

##### Expertise Sought

EPA's BOSC Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists, engineers, and social scientists having experience and expertise in one or more

of the following areas: Atmospheric Sciences (atmospheric chemistry, atmospheric physics, aerosol chemistry, aerosol physics); Analytical Chemistry; Green Chemistry; Endocrinology (endocrine disruptors); Pulmonary and Cardiovascular Toxicology; Systems Science (systems biology, systems ecology, landscape ecology); Social Sciences (sociology, economics, socioeconomics, environmental economics, ecological economics, natural resource economics); and Behavioral Sciences (psychology, environmental psychology, ecopsychology, conservation psychology, social neuroscience, risk perception, risk communication, crisis communication).

##### Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate themselves or qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above. Nominations should be submitted via the BOSC Web site (which is preferred over hard copy) at <http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/nomination.htm>. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than January 13, 2012. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested. EPA's BOSC Staff Office requests: Contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita and/or resume; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the BOSC Web site, should contact Ms. Susan Peterson, as indicated above in this notice.

##### Selection Criteria

The BOSC is a balanced and diverse expert committee. The committee collectively possesses the necessary domains of expertise, depth and breadth of knowledge, and diverse and balanced scientific perspectives. Selection criteria to be used for membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; (b) availability to serve and willingness to commit time to the committee (approximately three to five meetings per year including both face-to-face meetings and teleconferences); (c)

absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) skills working on committees and advisory panels; and (f) background and experiences that would contribute to the diversity of viewpoints on the committee, *e.g.*, geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, and professional affiliations.

The BOSC Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government Officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address, [http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/pdf/EPA\\_3110-48.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/osp/bosc/pdf/EPA_3110-48.pdf).

Dated: November 29, 2011.

**Fred Hauchman,**

*Director, Office of Science Policy.*

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**ACTION:** Notice of a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Friday, December 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571.

**OPEN AGENDA ITEM:** Item No. 1: Ex-Im Bank Advisory Committee for 2012 (Additional Members).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public observation for Item No. 1 only.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20571 (Number (202) 565-3336).

**Lisa V. Terry,**

*Assistant General Counsel (Acting).*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

**Designated Reserve Ratio for 2012**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Designated Reserve Ratio for 2012.

Pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation designates that the Designated Reserve Ratio (DRR) for the Deposit Insurance Fund shall remain at 2 percent for 2012.<sup>1</sup> The Board is publishing this notice as required by section 7(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(b)(3)(A)(i)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Munsell St. Clair, Chief, Banking and Regulatory Policy Section, Division of Insurance and Research, (202) 898-8967; Matthew Green, Chief, Fund Analysis and Pricing Section, Division of Insurance and Research, (202) 898-3670; or, Christopher Bellotto, Counsel, Legal Division, (202) 898-3801.

Dated at Washington, DC this 7th day of December, 2011.

By order of the Board of Directors.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Notice**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE & TIME:** *Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10 a.m.*

**PLACE:** 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**Items To Be Discussed**

Correction and Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of December 1, 2011.

<sup>1</sup> Section 327.4(g) of the FDIC's regulations sets forth the DRR. There is no need to amend this provision, because the DRR for 2012 is the same as the current DRR.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2011-22:

Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative, Inc.

Election of Officers.

Future Meeting Dates.

Management and Administrative Matters.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk, at (202) 694-1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:** Judith Ingram, Press Officer. Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Shawn Woodhead Werth,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 6, 2012.