

**OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY POLICY**
**National Science and Technology
Council**

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO), on behalf of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), will hold an “International Symposium on Assessing the Economic Impact of Nanotechnology” on March 27–28, 2012. This symposium will bring together key policy makers, academics, industry representatives, and other interested stakeholders to examine the current status of nanotechnology in the marketplace and discuss metrics that might accurately portray the economic benefit of nanotechnology to individual country economies and the global economy.

The proposed symposium, hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and jointly organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI), aims to explore a wide range of issues that underpin the dynamism of national innovation initiatives and, in particular, how improved estimates of return on investment in nanotechnology may shape future funding opportunities and national policy development.

Dates and Addresses: The symposium will be held at AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue, Washington, DC 20005 on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. For directions, please visit www.aaas.org.

Registration: Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. Individuals planning to attend the workshop should register online at <http://www.nano.gov/symposiumregistration>. Written notices of participation by email should be sent to symposium@nnco.nano.gov or mailed to the International Symposium on Assessing the Economic Impact of Nanotechnology, c/o NNCO, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II, Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached; otherwise registration will close on March 23, 2012 at 5 p.m. EDT.

Those interested in presenting 3–5 minutes of public comments at the meeting should also register at <http://>

www.nano.gov/symposiumregistration. Written or electronic comments should be submitted by email to symposium@nnco.nano.gov until March 23, 2012.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Diana Petreski (telephone 703–292–8626) at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Diana Petreski or Kristin Roy at National Nanotechnology Coordination Office, by telephone (703) 292–8626 or email (symposium@nnco.nano.gov). Additional information about the meeting, including the agenda, is posted at www.nano.gov.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**
**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

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

Extension:

Rule 17g–3; SEC File No. 270–565; OMB Control No. 3235–0626.

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 Rule 17g–3 (17 CFR 240.17g–3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 17g–3 contains reporting requirements. The collection of information obligations imposed by the rule is mandatory. The requirements of Rule 17g–3, however, apply only to credit rating agencies that are registered with the Commission as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (“NRSRO”), and registration is voluntary. Under Rule 17g–3 each NRSRO must submit annual audited

financial statements. The Commission previously estimated that approximately 30 credit rating agencies would register with the Commission as NRSROs under section 15E of the Exchange Act.¹ Currently, there are nine credit rating agencies that have registered with the Commission as NRSROs. Consequently, while the Commission expects more credit rating agencies may become registered as NRSROs over the next few years, the Commission believes that the estimated number of ten NRSROs should be used for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. Thus, the Commission estimates that the adjusted current industry-wide annual burden for Rule 17g–3 would be 2,033 hours, which includes a one-time reporting burden for processing reports.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 27, 2012.

Kevin M. O’Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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¹ See *Oversight of Credit Rating Agencies Registered as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations*, 34–55857 (June 5, 2007), 72 FR 33564 at 33607 (June 18, 2007).