

fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

A. Joseph Shepard,

Associate Administrator for Office of Investment and Innovation.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 04/04-0337]

Plexus Fund IV-C, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Plexus Fund IV-C, L.P., 4242 Six Forks Road, Suite 950, Raleigh, NC 27609, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financials which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Plexus Fund IV-C, L.P. is seeking a prior written exemption from SBA to make a debt financing to Bonita Marie International, 1960 Rutgers University Blvd. Lakewood, NJ 08701.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a)(4) of the Regulations because Plexus IV-C, L.P., Plexus III, L.P., and Plexus QP III, L.P. are Associates by Common Control, therefore, since the proposed transaction is providing Financing which will discharge Plexus III, L.P.'s and Plexus QP III, L.P.'s obligation, prior SBA written exemption is required.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on this transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 3.125 percent for the January-March quarter of FY 2019.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Dianna L. Seaborn,

Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10617]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Affidavit of Identifying Witness

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to February 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2018-0055" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- **Email:** PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov.
- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to: PPT Forms Officer, U.S. Department of State, CA/PPT/S/PMO, 44132 Mercure Cir, P.O. Box 1199, Sterling, VA 20166-1199.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- **Title of Information Collection:** Affidavit of Identifying Witness.
- **OMB Control Number:** 1405-0088.
- **Type of Request:** Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).
- **Form Number:** DS-0071.
- **Respondents:** Individuals.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 50,600.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 50,600.
- **Average Time per Response:** 5 minutes.
- **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 4,217 annual hours.
- **Frequency:** On Occasion.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. It is used by Passport Services to collect information for the purpose of establishing the identity of the applicant. This affidavit is completed by the identifying witness when the applicant is unable to establish his or