

not impose any significant burden on competition; (3) by its terms, does not become operative until 30 days after the date on which it was filed or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; and (4) the Phlx has provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five days prior to the filing date. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate this rule change if it appears to the Commission that the action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PHLX-00-35 and should be submitted by September 7, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 16, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Jane Palsgrove Butler, Associate Administrator, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Suite 8300, Washington, DC 20416

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Kucharski, Financial System Specialist 202-205-7551 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "SBA Loan Application."  
Form No: 4M.

Description of Respondents:

Participating Lenders, Certified Development Companies, and Small Businesses.

Annual Responses: 60,000.

Annual Burden: 10,000.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Acting Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### Novus Ventures II, L.P.

##### Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Novus Ventures II, L.P., 20111 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 130, Cupertino, California 95014, a Federal Applicant 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, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") rules and regulations (13 CFR 107.730 (2000)). Novus Ventures II, L.P. proposes to provide equity financing to Taviz Technologies, Inc. ("Taviz"), 1121 San Antonio Rd., B101, Palo Alto, California 94303. The financing is contemplated

for product development and working capital.

The financing is brought within the purview of Sec. 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because Novus Ventures I, L.P., an Associate of Novus Ventures II, L.P. currently owns greater than 10 percent of Taviz Technologies, Inc. and therefore Novus Ventures I, L.P. is considered an Associate of Novus Ventures II, L.P. as defined in Sec. 107.50 of the regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### [Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9106]

##### State of Alaska

The Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAs) of Bering Straits (#2), Lower Yukon (#3), Lower Kuskokwim (#4), Kuspuk (#5), Iditarod (#11), Yukon-Koyukuk (#12), Yukon Flats (13), and Yupit (#23), as well as the contiguous Boroughs of Bristol Bay, Denali, Fairbanks North Star, Kenai Peninsula, Lake and Peninsula, Matanuska Susitna, North Slope, and Northwest Arctic, and the contiguous REAs of Alaska Gateway (#16) and Kashunamiut (#22) constitute an economic injury disaster area as a result of a fishery resource disaster, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce, due to extremely low salmon returns beginning in 1997 and continuing. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance for this disaster until the close of business on May 9, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

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<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: August 9, 2000.  
**Kris Swedin,**  
*Acting Administrator.*  
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3278]

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (and Contiguous Counties in New Jersey)**

Bucks County and the contiguous Counties of Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Warren in the State of New Jersey constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by flash flooding that occurred July 30 through August 2, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 10, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on May 8, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	7.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.687
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	6.750
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 327806 for Pennsylvania and 327906 for New Jersey. For economic injury the numbers are 9I0700 for Pennsylvania and 9I0800 for New Jersey.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: August 8, 2000.  
**Fred P. Hochberg,**  
*Acting Administrator.*  
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Federal Assistance for Women's Business Centers (WBC) Sustainability Pilot Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Technical Assistance to Women**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-016.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-016 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center (WBC) projects. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that have received financial assistance from SBA under its WBC Program. To be eligible the applicant must be either in the final year of its WBC 5-year project or have completed a WBC project financed by SBA which continues to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs. Funds will be provided to continue business training, counseling and technical assistance to women for an additional 5-year period. The authorizing legislation to establish this 4-year pilot program is the Women's Business Center Sustainability Act and the Small Business Act, §§ 2(h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631(h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded simultaneously with other applications for first-time WBCs submitted under Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women with home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas. SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, ([www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org)) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about its

current status and past performance, and a 5-year plan for service delivery, fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to three years (this is the second year of the four year pilot program) during the pilot's authorization period, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

The non-Federal match requirement is one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 1 through 5 of the project. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

**DATES:** The application period will be from late September 2000 to mid-November 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales (202) 205-7080.

**Sherrye P. Henry,**  
*Assistant Administrator, SBA/Office of Women's Business Ownership.*  
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Federal Assistance for Women's Business Center (WBC) Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Management and Technical Assistance to Women**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration  
**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-015 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects. The authorizing legislation is the Small Business Act, §§ 2 (h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631 (h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The successful applicants will receive an award to provide long term training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially