

this case, if the notice is to reach beneficial owners, the DTC participant must identify those clients and retransmit the documents to them. In some cases, there are multiple nominees between DTC and the ultimate beneficial owner. For example, a dealer that safekeeps securities for customers may do so through a DTC participant bank.

Even under the best of circumstances, an official communication may take a week or more to reach beneficial owners. Bankers Trust stated its concern over potential delays in the timing of dissemination of documents under the procedure outlined in the March 2001 draft amendment. The MSRB notes, however, that the proposed rule change is not intended to be a mechanism for dissemination of time-critical material information to market participants, but rather addresses the problem of how the specific owners of an issue can be identified and communicated with, for example, under the terms of a trust indenture when a vote of securities holders is being held. The MSRB believes it is important to acknowledge that retransmitting paper documents through a chain of nominees and other custodians cannot possibly provide information to beneficial owners as quickly as the information in those documents will reach the market from other sources such as information vendors, NRMSIRs, the issuer's web site, etc. The MSRB believes that if each nominee acts promptly when it is its turn to act, official communications normally should reach beneficial owners in a week or two and this normally will be sufficient time for a vote of bondholders or other purposes that require the issuer (or trustee if it chooses to do so) to communicate directly with bondholders.

**Compensation.** As noted above, the March 2001 draft amendment included a compensation provision noting that, if total compensation would be more than \$500.00, the dealer must contact the sender and inform it of the amount of compensation required and obtain specific agreement on the amount of compensation prior to retransmitting the official communication and may wait for receipt of such compensation prior to proceeding. Bankers Trust stated that the March 2001 draft amendment "allows for delays in forwarding official communications to beneficial owners while the dealer seeks compensation from the issuer or trustee." The MSRB realizes that the requirement to seek compensation for retransmissions costing in excess of \$500 prior to passing on documents could cause unnecessary delays in retransmitting

official communications since some dealers may feel comfortable that an issuer will follow through on their offer of compensation, even prior to obtaining a specific agreement to pay such an amount. The RMOA, for example, stated "in most cases compensation would take a back seat to [their] strong commitment to an informed customer."

The MSRB decided to change the compensation threshold so that it would be an optional course of action for the dealer rather than a requirement. The revised compensation provision would permit those dealers who would like to retransmit official communications as promptly as possible, even without assurance that compensation will be provided, to do so without having to wait for receipt of agreement or funds from the party offering compensation. However, for dealers that wish to be assured that compensation would be provided on retransmissions costing in excess of \$500, the option is left for the dealer to seek specific agreement with the party offering compensation and to receive funds prior to retransmitting documents.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (a) by order approve such proposed rule change, or
- (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the forgoing, including whether the rule proposal change is consistent with the Exchange Act. 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 submissions, 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the MSRB's principal offices. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-MSRB-2001-08 and should be submitted by March 1, 2002.

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

### [Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9041]

#### State of Maine

Penobscot County and the contiguous counties of Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and Washington in the State of Maine constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of fires that occurred on January 17 and 20, 2002. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance until the close of business on October 31, 2002 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.5 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 904100 for Maine.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

Dated: January 31, 2002.

**Hector V. Barreto,**  
*Administrator.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Wisconsin District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Wisconsin District Advisory Council will hold a public

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

meeting on Wednesday, February, 20, 2002 from 12 noon to 1 pm at the MMAC Building Milwaukee, Wisconsin to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Yolanda Staples-Lassiter, in writing by letter of fax no later than February 14, 2002 in order to be included on the agenda. Ms. Lassiter can be contacted at (414) 297-1090 phone, (414) 297-3941 fax. For further information, please write or call Yolanda Staples-Lassiter, U. S. Small Business Administration, 310 West Wisconsin Ave, suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, Telephone number (414) 297-1090.

**Steve Tupper,**

*Committee Management Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 3908]

**Office of Overseas Schools; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-2061, Approval of Funding to Support Special Educational Programs (OMB #1405-0031)**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, A/OPR/OS.

*Title of Information Collection:* Approval of Funding to Support Special Educational Programs.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Form Number:* DS-2061 (Formerly JF-45).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 89.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 44.5 hours. Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for

the proper performance of the functions of the agency.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Keith D. Miller, Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. He may be reached at 202-261-8200.

Dated: January 30, 2002.

**Robert B. Dickson,**

*Executive Director, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3909]

**Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "The Flowering of Florence: Botanical Art for the Medici"**

**AGENCY:** United States Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459], Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999 [64 FR 57920], as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition, "The Flowering of Florence: Botanical Art for the Medici," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about March 3, 2002, to on or about May 27, 2002, and at possible additional venues

yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is United States Department of State, SA-44, Room 700, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: February 5, 2002.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**

*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2002-11422]

**Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget (OMB): OMB Control Number 2115-0629**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to seek the approval of OMB for the renewal of one Information Collection Request (ICR). The ICR concerns the Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls. Before submitting the ICR to OMB, the Coast Guard is requesting comments on it.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG 2002-11422] more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Caution: Because of recent delays in the delivery of mail, your comments may reach the Facility more quickly if you choose one of the other means described below.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.