OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Hispanic Council on Federal Employment


SUMMARY: The Hispanic Council on Federal Employment (Council) meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2014 at the location shown below at the following time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Council is an advisory committee composed of representatives from Hispanic organizations and senior government officials. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council shall advise the Director of the Office of Personnel Management on matters involving the recruitment, hiring, and advancement of Hispanics in the Federal workforce. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA).

The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at any of the meetings. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

Location: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Executive Conference Room, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veronica E. Villalobos, Director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Suite 5H35, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606–0020 FAX (202) 606–2183 or email at veronica.villalobos@opm.gov.


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


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The information to be provided consists of: (1) Certain annual financial and operating information and audited financial statements (“annual filings”); (2) notices of the occurrence of any of 14 specific events (“event notices”); and (3) notices of the failure of an issuer or obligated person to make a submission required by a continuing disclosure agreement (“failure to file notices”).

Rule 15c2–12 is intended to enhance disclosure in the municipal securities market, and thereby reduce fraud, by establishing standards for obtaining, reviewing, and disseminating information about municipal securities by their underwriters.

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The Commission previously published a 60-day notice on this collection of information (the “60-day Notice”). Commission staff has considered the comments received in response to the 60-day Notice and is revising many of the estimates included in the 60-day Notice. In response to previous comment solicitations in 2008 and 2009 on the PRA burdens associated with Rule 15c2–12, the Commission received either no comments, or comments that did not include any quantified alternative estimates or that did not include any supporting data. In contrast to those previous comment solicitations, the Commission received comment letters in response to the 60-day Notice that included comments providing specific alternative estimates of the PRA burdens of Rule 15c2–12 and specific data to support the commenters’ alternative estimates. Based on the new information commenters provided in response to the 60-day Notice, Commission staff is revising many of its hourly burden estimates. It is now estimated that approximately 20,000 issuers, 250 broker-dealers, and the MSRB will spend a total of 621,758 hours per year complying with Rule 15c2–12. Based on data from the MSRB through September 2014 and annualized through December 2014, issuers will submit approximately 62,596 annual filings to the MSRB in 2014. Commission staff estimates that an issuer will require approximately seven hours to prepare and submit annual filings to the MSRB. Therefore, the total annual burden on issuers to prepare and submit 62,596 annual filings to the MSRB is estimated to be 438,172 hours. Based on data from the MSRB through September 2014 and annualized through December 2014, issuers will submit approximately 73,480 event notices to the MSRB in 2014. Commission staff estimates that an issuer will require approximately two hours to prepare and submit event

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