

Dated: January 21, 2016.

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing this notice to comply with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), which requires agencies to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission. This notice also allows an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 3, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the information collection by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: *Agency Clearance Officer*, Curtis Rich, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and *SBA Desk Officer*, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030 *curtis.rich@sba.gov*.

*Copies:* A copy of the Form OMB 83-1, supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Small Business Administration Surety Bond Guarantee Program was created to encourage surety companies to issue bonds for small contractors. The information collected on these forms from Small Business contractors or surety companies/agents is used to evaluate the eligibility of program application. One form is used by surety companies to request claims payments or report recoveries related to defaulted contractors.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

*Title:* Surety Bond Guarantees Assistance.

*Description of Respondents:* Surety Companies.

*Form Number:* SBA Forms 990, 991, 994, 994B, 994F, 994H.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,026.

*Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 3,065.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #14599 and #14600]**

**Connecticut Disaster #CT-00037**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Connecticut dated 01/21/2016.

*Incident:* Condominium Complex Fire.

*Incident Period:* 12/31/2015.

*Effective Date:* 01/21/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/21/2016.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/21/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Fairfield.

*Contiguous Counties:*

Connecticut: Litchfield, New Haven.

New York: Dutchess, Putnam,

Westchester.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.813
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.000

	Percent
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14599 5 and for economic injury is 14600 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Connecticut, New York.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

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**Maria Contreras-Sweet,**  
*Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Region III—Charleston, WV; Regulatory Fairness Hearing**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

**ACTION:** Notice of open Hearing of Region III Small Business Owners in Charleston, WV.

**SUMMARY:** The SBA, Office of the National Ombudsman is issuing this notice to announce the location, date and time of the Charleston, WV Regulatory Fairness Hearing. This hearing is open to the public.

**DATES:** The hearing will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be at the Charleston Area Alliance, 1116 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The hearing is open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation at the Charleston, WV hearing must contact Yolanda Swift by February 15th in writing or by fax or email in order to be placed on the agenda. For further information, please contact Yolanda Swift, Deputy National Ombudsman, Office of the National Ombudsman, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 3316, Washington, DC 20416, by phone (202) 205-6918 and

fax (202) 481-6128. Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability, translation services, or require additional information, please contact Yolanda Swift as well.

For more information on the Office of the National Ombudsman, see our Web site at [www.sba.gov/ombudsman](http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (Pub. L. 104-121), Sec. 222, SBA announces the hearing for Small Business Owners, Business Organizations, Trade Associations, Chambers of Commerce and related organizations serving small business concerns to report experiences regarding unfair or excessive Federal regulatory enforcement issues affecting their members.

Dated: January 20, 2016.

**Miguel J. L'Heureux,**

*SBA Committee Management Officer.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Small Business Investment Companies—Early Stage SBICs**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Call for early stage fund managers.

**SUMMARY:** This call for proposals (“Call”) invites experienced early stage fund managers to submit the preliminary materials discussed in Section II below, in the form of the Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”) Management Assessment Questionnaire (“MAQ”), for consideration by the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) to be licensed as Early Stage Small Business Investment Companies. Licensed Early Stage SBICs may receive SBA-guaranteed debenture leverage of up to 100 percent of their Regulatory Capital, up to a maximum of \$50 million.

However, Early Stage SBICs may, and most existing Early Stage SBICs do, request less than 100 percent of their Regulatory Capital. Importantly, Early Stage SBICs must invest at least 50% of their investment dollars in early stage small businesses. For the purposes of this initiative, an “early stage” business is one that has never achieved positive cash flow from operations in any fiscal year. By licensing and providing SBA guaranteed leverage to Early Stage SBICs, SBA seeks to expand entrepreneurs’ access to capital and encourage innovation as part of President Obama’s Start-Up America Initiative launched on January 31, 2011. More information on the Early Stage SBIC Initiative and the regulations governing these SBICs may be found at [www.sba.gov/inv/earlystage](http://www.sba.gov/inv/earlystage).

**DATES:** The following table provides the key milestones for the Early Stage SBIC Initiative.

Milestones	Dates/Times
MAQ Submission Period/Initial Review Management Assessment Questionnaires (“MAQs”) may be submitted at any time between the following dates:	5 p.m. EST—April 1, 2016–September 30, 2016. Applications considered as they are received.
Licensing Funds have 12 months from issuance of a Green Light to submit their license application .....	Applications considered as they are received.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit [www.sba.gov/inv/MAQ](http://www.sba.gov/inv/MAQ) to download a copy of the Management Assessment Questionnaire (the “MAQ”). You must submit via express or next day delivery service (i) the relevant MAQ signature pages and (ii) the completed MAQ on a CD-ROM in *Word* and *Excel* format to the following: Scott Schaefer, Senior Investment Officer, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St. SW., Suite #6300, Washington, DC 20416. SBA will not accept MAQs in .pdf format or MAQs delivered via regular mail (due to irradiation requirements), or hand delivery or courier service.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background Information**

SBA invites early stage fund managers to submit the preliminary materials, as discussed in Section II below, in the form of a Management Assessment Questionnaire (“MAQ”) for the formation and management of an Early Stage SBIC. In 2012, SBA introduced the Early Stage Initiative. Early Stage SBICs represent a new sub-category of SBICs that will focus on making investments

in early stage small businesses. Go to [www.sba.gov/inv/earlystage](http://www.sba.gov/inv/earlystage) for information on the Early Stage Initiative and links to the Early Stage SBIC Final Rule (“Final Rule”). This initiative is part of President Obama’s “Start-Up America Initiative” to promote American innovation and job creation by encouraging private sector investment in job-creating startups and small firms, accelerating research, and addressing barriers to success for entrepreneurs and small businesses. In the Final Rule, SBA stated that it intended to allocate \$200 million per year (\$1 billion total) of leverage commitments to Early Stage SBICs over the five year period from Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2012 through FY 2016. The Early Stage initiative is scheduled to terminate at the end of FY 2016. However, in FY 2016 SBA intends to make certain modifications to the Early Stage regulations and make clear SBA’s intent to make the Early Stage program (including issuing new Early Stage licenses and leverage commitments) an ongoing part of the SBIC program.

**II. Management Assessment Questionnaire/License Application Materials**

The first required submission in the Early Stage Licensing process is SBA’s MAQ. The MAQ consists of two forms that cover qualitative and quantitative information on the management team, the proposed strategy for the SBIC, the principals’ investment track record, and the proposed fund structure and economics. The MAQ consists of SBA Form 2181 and Exhibits A–F of SBA Form 2182.

Should SBA issue you a “Green Light letter,” you must submit the SBIC License Application, consisting of SBA Forms 2181, 2182 and 2183 (each of SBA Forms 2181 and 2182 updated to reflect any changes), for the final licensing phase. Exhibit O in SBA Form 2183 includes the fund’s limited partnership agreement (“LPA”). Applicants should review this notice for special instructions associated with the LPA for Early Stage SBICs.

**III. Early Stage Licensing Process**

There are four stages in SBA’s Early Stage Licensing Process: (A) Call Period;