

process is critical to this oversight in that it provides the Exchange with the means to identify and correct poor specialist performance and to ascertain whether specialists are maintaining fair and orderly markets in their assigned securities, as required pursuant to Exchange rules and the Act, and the rules thereunder.<sup>15</sup> Moreover, the possibility of a performance improvement action as a result of the evaluation process, in addition to the use of the evaluation results in stock allocation decisions, should help motivate and provide incentives for specialists to maintain and improve their market making performance for the benefit of investors.

In previous orders extending the Rule 103A pilot,<sup>16</sup> the Commission emphasized its desire for the Exchange to develop objective measures of market making performance and incorporate such measures into the Rule 103A pilot.<sup>17</sup> In addition, the Commission previously stated that it believes the mature status of the Intermarket Trading System, as a market structure facility, warrants the incorporation of ITS turnaround and trade-through concerns into the NYSE's Rule 103A performance standards. As discussed fully in a previous extension order,<sup>18</sup> the Commission believes that objective measures of specialist performance with regards to these concerns should be incorporated into the evaluation process.

Even though the proposal lacks objective market making performance standards, the Commission has determined to approve the proposal to extend the effectiveness of Rule 103A for an additional four months. In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange indicated that at the end of the four month extension it will seek permanent approval of the proposal from its Board of Directors, and subsequently file such request with the Commission.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>15</sup> See generally NYSE Rule 104 (Dealings By Specialists); and Commission Rule 11b-1 under the Act, 17 CFR 240.11b-1 (1994).

<sup>16</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 34022 (May 6, 1994), 59 FR 25143 (May 13, 1994); 32285 (May 10, 1993), 58 FR 28905 (May 17, 1993); 29180 (May 8, 1991), 56 FR 22489 (May 15, 1991); and 28215 (July 17, 1990), 55 FR 30060 (July 24, 1990).

<sup>17</sup> See *supra*. Although the Exchange has developed the capital utilization and near neighbor measures of market making performance for use by the Allocation Committee, it has not yet proposed to include these objective measures in its Rule 103A program.

<sup>18</sup> See Security Exchange Act Release No. 34022 (May 6, 1994), 59 FR 25143 (May 13, 1994).

<sup>19</sup> In this regard, the Commission expects the NYSE to submit to the Division of Market Regulation, no later than November 15, 1996, a proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under

The Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register. The Commission believes it is appropriate to approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis so that the Exchange can continue to administer, on an uninterrupted basis, its Rule 103A evaluation process. A substantial portion of current Rule 103A was noticed for the full statutory period in 1987, and the Commission did not receive any adverse commentary on the revised Rule 103A program.<sup>20</sup> Further, interested persons were invited to comment on this proposal and the Commission received no comments. The Commission believes, therefore, that granting accelerated approval of the proposed rule change is appropriate and consistent with Sections 6 and 11 of the Act.

It is therefore, ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>21</sup> that the proposed rule change is hereby approved on an accelerated basis until January 10, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>22</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:** Comments should be submitted by November 18, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 5000, Washington, DC 20416. Phone Number: 202-205-6629.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

**Title:** Governor's Request for Disaster Declaration.

the Act, 17 CFR 240.19b-4, to request permanent approval of Rule 103A.

<sup>20</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 24919 (September 15, 1987), 52 FR 35821 (September 23, 1987); and 25681 (May 9, 1988), 53 FR 17287 (May 16, 1987).

<sup>21</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2) (1988).

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1996).

**Type of Request:** Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

**Description of Respondents:** States Requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

**Annual Responses:** 50.

**Annual Burden:** 1,000.

**Comments:** Send all comments regarding this information collection to Bridget Dusenbury Disaster Resource Specialist, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6500 Washington, DC 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-6734.

Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

**Title:** Application for Certification as a Certified Development Company.

**Type of Request:** Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

**Description of Respondents:** Applicants to become CDC's.

**Annual Responses:** 15.

**Annual Burden:** 150.

**Comments:** Send all comments regarding this information collection to Michael J. Dowd, Director, Office of Loan Programs, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8300 Washington, DC 20416. Phone No. 202-205-6490.

Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

**Title:** Survey of Commercialization Activities of SBIR Awardees.

**Type of Request:** Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

**Description of Respondents:** SBIR Program Participants.

**Annual Responses:** 700.

**Annual Burden:** 84.

**Comments:** Send all comments regarding this information collection to Daniel O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Office of Technology, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8150 Washington, DC 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-6450.

Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

**Title:** Request for Information Concerning Portfolio Financing.

**Type of Request:** Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Investment Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 2,160.

*Annual Burden:* 2,160.

*Title:* Financial Institution Confirmation Form.

*Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Investment Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 1,500.

*Annual Burden:* 750.

*Comments:* Send all comments regarding these information collections to Charles Mezger, Director, Office of SBIC Examinations, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8300 Washington, DC 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-7172.

Send comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimates, in addition to ways to minimize these estimates, and ways to enhance the quality.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 8, 1996 (61 FR, page 15557).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith Street, (202) 267-9895, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration

*Title:* Operating Procedures for Airport Traffic Control Towers (ATCT) that are not operated by or under contract with the United States (non-Federal) Advisory Circular (AC) 90-93.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0572.

*Affected Entities:* Non-Federal airport traffic control tower vendors, managers, and air traffic controllers.

*Abstract:* The FAA is requesting operators of non-Federal ATCT's to voluntarily comply with the recommendations as stated in this Advisory Circular as well as to voluntarily submit information by using the listed forms, in the same manner as is currently prescribed for FAA air traffic personnel.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated total annual burden is 2,263 hours.

*Annual Responses:* 62.

*Comments:* Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility; accuracy of the burden estimates; ways to minimize this burden; and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 12, 1996.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Maricopa County, Arizona

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Maricopa County, Arizona.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth H. Davis, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 234 North Central Avenue, Suite 330,

Phoenix, AZ 85004, Telephone: (202) 379-3646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to build the Red Mountain Freeway, Loop 202, from SR-87 to US 60. The proposal will include a "no action" alternative in addition to a range of build alternatives. Various designs of grade, alignment, geometry and access will be evaluated. The evaluation of alternatives will consider the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with construction and with secondary and cumulative effects.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public involvement will continue with public information meetings to obtain public input in the planning process, and a public hearing following distribution of the Draft EIS.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposal and the EIS should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding Intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on September 11, 1996.

Kenneth H. Davis

District Engineer, Phoenix, Arizona.

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### [FHWA Docket No. 94-15]

#### Life-Cycle Cost Analysis

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Final policy statement.

**SUMMARY:** This FHWA policy statement on life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA) helps fulfill Federal management responsibilities for analyzing life-cycle cost aspects of infrastructure investment decisions under Executive Order 12893, "Principles of Federal Infrastructure Investment." The policy statement