

under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence or, prior to such date, under an implied promise to such effect; and

(e) Testing or examination materials used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service and the Corporation determines, in its sole discretion, that disclosure of such materials would compromise the fairness of the testing or examination process.

## **PART 708—SUNSHINE REGULATIONS**

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### **§ 708.1 Purpose and applicability.**

The purpose of this part is to effectuate the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act. This part applies to the deliberations of a quorum of the Directors of the Corporation required to take action on behalf of the Corporation where such deliberations determine or result in the joint conduct or disposition of official Corporation business, but does not apply to deliberations to take action to open or close a meeting or to release or withhold information under § 708.5. Any deliberation to which this part applies is hereinafter in this part referred to as a meeting of the Board of Directors.

### **§ 708.2 Open meeting policy.**

(a) It is the policy of the Corporation to provide the public with the fullest practicable information regarding the decisionmaking process of the Board of Directors of the Corporation while protecting the rights of individuals and the ability of the Corporation to carry out its responsibilities. In order to effect this policy, every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be open to public observation and will only be closed to public observation if justified under one of the provisions of § 708.5.

The public is invited to observe and listen to all meetings of the Board of Directors, or portions thereof, open to public observation, but may not participate or record any of the discussions by means of electronic or other devices or cameras. Documents being considered at meetings of the Board of Directors may be obtained subject to the procedures and exemptions set forth in part 706 of this chapter.

(b) Directors of the Corporation shall not jointly conduct or dispose of agency business other than in accordance with this part. This prohibition shall not prevent Directors from considering individually business that is circulated to them sequentially in writing.

(c) The Secretary of the Corporation shall be responsible for assuring that ample space, sufficient visibility, and adequate acoustics are provided for public observation of meetings of the Board of Directors.

### **§ 708.3 Scheduling of a meeting.**

A decision to hold a meeting of the Board of Directors should be made as provided in the By-laws of the Corporation and at least eight days prior to the scheduled meeting date in order for the Secretary of the Corporation to give the public notice required by § 708.4. However in special cases, a majority of the Directors may decide to hold a meeting less than eight days prior to the scheduled meeting date if they determine by a recorded vote that Corporation business requires such meeting at such earlier date. After public announcement of a meeting of the Board of Directors under the provisions of § 708.4, the subject matter thereof, or the determination to open or close a meeting, or portion thereof, may only be changed if a majority of the Directors determines by a recorded vote that business so requires and that no earlier announcement of the change is possible.

### **§ 708.4 Public announcement.**

(a) Except to the extent that such information is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of § 708.5, in the case of each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall make public announcement at least one week before the meeting, of the time, place,