

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request for Review of a
Revised and Expiring Information
Collection: OPM-1386B**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised and expiring information collection. OPM-1386B, Applicant Race and National Origin Questionnaire, is used to gather information concerning the race and national origin of applicants for employment under the Outstanding Scholar provision of the *Luevano* Consent Decree, 93 F.R.D. 68 (1981).

During the sixty-day comment period, OPM did not receive any comments.

Approximately 100,000 OPM-1386B forms are completed annually. The 60-day **Federal Register** Notice reported an incorrect response time of 8 minutes. The correct estimated response time is 5 minutes with an annual public burden of 8,333 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at FAX 202-418-3251, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Suzy M. Barker, Director, Examining & Qualifications Policy Division, Employment Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 6500, Washington, DC 20415,

and

Stuart Shapiro, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Request for Comments on Draft
Guidelines for Ensuring and
Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity,
Utility and Integrity of Disseminated
Information**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines (*Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* **Federal Register** Volume 66, No. 189 at 49718, updated in Volume 67, No. 36 at 8452), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is seeking comments on OPM's draft Information Quality Guidelines. These draft guidelines are published on OPM's website at <http://www.opm.gov>. These draft Information Quality Guidelines describe OPM's pre-dissemination information quality control procedures and an administrative mechanism for requests for correction of information publicly disseminated by OPM.

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in writing to: Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20415-7900. Comments may also be sent by fax at (202-418-3251) or may be e-mailed to "informationquality@opm.gov."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Huley, Assistant Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-7900. Telephone 202-606-2150 or by e-mail to rmhuley@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM's guidelines are drafted in accordance with *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* (hereafter, Governmentwide Guidelines) published by OMB in the **Federal Register** in Volume 66, No. 189 at 49718 on Friday, September 28, 2001, updated in Volume 67, No. 2 at 369 on Thursday, January 3, 2002, and corrected in Volume 67, No. 36 at 8452 on February 22, 2002. The OMB guidelines were issued pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554), which directed OMB to issue Governmentwide guidelines providing guidance to Federal agencies for

ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of information, including statistical information, disseminated by Federal agencies. In accordance with these provisions, each Federal agency is obligated to:

1. Issue its own information quality guidelines ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of information, including statistical information, disseminated by the agency no later than October 1, 2002;

2. Establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency that does not comply with the agency or OMB guidelines; and

3. Report annually to the Director, OMB, beginning January 1, 2004, the number and nature of complaints received by the agency regarding agency compliance with the OMB guidelines concerning the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of information and how such complaints were resolved.

Consistent with the Governmentwide Guidelines, OPM's draft guidelines rely on its existing practices, to the extent they are consistent with the recently published guidelines, while adopting a new administrative mechanism to satisfy the new procedural requirements. OPM's guidelines reflect its internal procedures for reviewing and substantiating information to maximize quality, including the objectivity, utility and integrity of information, before it is disseminated. The administrative mechanism allows affected persons to seek and obtain, where appropriate, correction of information disseminated by OPM that does not comply with the OPM guidelines or with the Governmentwide Guidelines. OPM's draft guidelines are available for review on OPM's web site at <http://www.opm.gov>.

OPM now seeks public comments on the draft guidelines covering pre-dissemination information quality control and an administrative mechanism for requests for correction of information publicly disseminated by OPM. The comments received by OPM will become a matter of public record. Revised OPM guidelines will be available on OPM's website. Notice of the availability of the final guidelines will be published in the **Federal Register** on or before October 1, 2002. OPM's guidelines may be revised periodically to address the needs of OPM and concerns expressed by the public.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25685]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

July 26, 2002.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of July, 2002. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 20, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0506.

Freedom Mutual Fund [File No. 811-3126]

Freedom Group of Tax Exempt Funds [File No. 811-3519]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 8, 2002, each applicant transferred its assets to corresponding series of Great Hall Investment Funds, Inc. and/or Money Market Obligations Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$88,223 and \$52,276, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by Voyageur Asset Management, Inc.,

investment adviser to the acquired funds and the acquiring funds.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on June 4, 2002, and amended on July 19, 2002.

Applicants' Address: One Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Pioneer Global Consumers Fund [File No. 811-10457]

Pioneer Global Industrials Fund [File No. 811-10459]

Pioneer Global Energy & Utilities Fund [File No. 811-10461]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 17, 2002, each applicant made a liquidating distribution to Pioneer Funds Distributor, Inc., each applicant's sole shareholder, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$1,000 were incurred in connection with each of the liquidations and were paid by Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., investment adviser to each applicant.

Filing Date: The applications were filed on July 2, 2002.

Applicants' Address: 60 State St., Boston, MA 02109.

Midas Investors Ltd. [File No. 811-835]

Midas U.S. and Overseas Fund Ltd. [File No. 811-4741]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 16, 2001, applicants transferred their assets to Midas Fund, Inc. and Midas Special Equities Fund, Inc., respectively, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$35,090 and \$25,818, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by each applicant.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on April 9, 2002, and amended on July 10, 2002.

Applicants' Address: 11 Hanover Sq., New York, NY 10005.

Dow Jones Islamic Market Index Portfolio [File No. 811-9569]

Summary: Applicant, a master fund in a master-feeder structure, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 28, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its remaining feeder fund based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 7, 2002, and amended on July 10, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 63 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

BBH Global Equity Portfolio [File No. 811-9991]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 16, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 7, 2002, and amended on July 10, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 63 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

Merrill Lynch High Income Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-6156]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 19, 2001, applicant transferred its assets to MuniAssets Fund, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$176,078 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and the acquiring fund.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 17, 2002, and amended on July 2, 2002.

Applicant's Address: Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P., 800 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46266; File No. SR-CBOE-2002-37]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Relating to Exchange Fees

July 25, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2002, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.