

name to the DFO by April 14, 2005. Confirm the location of the April 19th meeting by visiting the Panel's Web site at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>. Confirmation is expected to be posted by March 21, 2005. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. The Panel established the following five working groups during its February 28, 2005 meeting: Commercial Practices/ Commercial Items; Performance-based Contracting; Governmentwide Contracts and Interagency Contract Vehicles; Cross-cutting Issues—Small Business, and; Cross-cutting Issues—Federal Workforce. The working groups will report on their initial progress during the March 30th, 2005 meeting, which may also include any follow-up recommendations for additional working groups or other issues to be examined. The April 19th meeting will cover any significant updates as well as discussions related to the topics of each of the working groups. The public may obtain copies of Initial Working Group Issues for the Commercial Practices, Governmentwide Contracts and Interagency Contract Vehicles, Performance-based Contracting, and Cross-cutting Issues—Federal Workforce working groups at the Panel's Web site under Working Groups at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>.

In addition to discussions related to these working groups, the Panel has also invited presentations from specific individuals in the private sector on commercial practices during the March 30th meeting and individuals from both the public and private sectors during the April 19th meeting. These presentations will focus on a number of issues including, but not limited to commercial practices/techniques for the use of time and materials or labor hour contracts, share-in-savings contracts, best value procurements, use of firm-fixed price contracts or task orders for services, competition for services contracts and task orders, including information technology and business process services, and the development of requirements for services procurements. A draft agenda will be posted at the Panel's Web site at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> prior to each meeting. While these two meetings will include presentations by invitation only, the general public will be given the opportunity to provide oral

statements to the Panel at a subsequent meeting to be announced in the **Federal Register**. The Panel also seeks written public statements of any length specifically related to the working group topics. Although the Panel accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting date so that the written comments may be made available to the Panel for their consideration. Written comments should be supplied, electronically if possible, to the DFO at the e-mail address (or for hardcopies, mailing address) noted below. Acceptable electronic formats include Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format. Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings.

Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meeting listed above should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Requests for additional information or written statements should be directed to Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at laura.auletta@gsa.gov or (202) 208-7279, General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405.

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Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director).

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

(PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Dates and Place: March 22, 2005, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in the East Room (Lobby Level) of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Type of Meeting: Open. Further details on the meeting agenda will be posted on the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is scheduled to meet in open session on Tuesday March 22, 2005, at approximately 12:30 p.m. The PCAST is tentatively scheduled to: (1) Pursuant to its designation as the National Nanotechnology Advisory Panel under the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act, discuss a draft report assessing Federal nanotechnology programs and, pending the discussion, approve the report; and (2) discuss new topics areas to examine in the coming year. This session will end at approximately 5 p.m. Additional information on the agenda will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

Public Comments: There will be time allocated for the public to speak on the above agenda items. This public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on PCAST's work topics, not for business marketing purposes. Please submit a request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are also welcome at any time following the meeting. Please notify Stan Sokul, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-7116, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Stan Sokul at (202) 456-7116, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005. Information will also be available at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology

policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

Stanley S. Sokul,

Executive Director, PCAST, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-04364]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Ryder System, Inc. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$.50 par value, From Listing and Registration on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated

March 2, 2005.

On February 11, 2005, Ryder System, Inc., a Florida corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its common stock, \$.50 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Chicago Stock Exchange Incorporated ("CHX").

The Board of Directors of the Issuer approved a resolution on July 16, 2004 to withdraw the Security from listing on CHX. The Issuer stated that the reasons for the Board's decision to withdraw the Security from CHX are the historically modest trading activity on CHX, the annual expense, and administrative burden. The Issuer states that the Security is currently listed, and will continue to list, on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with applicable rules of CHX, including Article XXVII, Rule 4, by complying with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Florida and by providing CHX with the required documents governing the removal of securities from listing and registration on CHX. The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on CHX and shall not affect its continued listing on the NYSE or its

obligation to be registered under Section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before March 28, 2005, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of CHX, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-04364; or

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-04364. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Securities Act of 1933, Release No. 8549/ March 3, 2005 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Release No. 51312/March 3, 2005]

Order Regarding Review of FASB Accounting Support Fee for Calendar Year 2005 Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Act") establishes criteria that must be met in order for the accounting standards established by an accounting standard-setting body to be recognized as "generally accepted" for purposes of the federal securities laws. Section 109 of the Act provides that all of the budget of an accounting standard-setting body satisfying these criteria shall be payable from an annual accounting support fee assessed and collected against issuers, as may be necessary or appropriate to pay for the budget and provide for the expenses of the standard setting body, and to provide for an independent, stable source of funding, subject to review by the Commission. Under Section 109(f), the annual accounting support fee shall not exceed the amount of the standard setter's "recoverable budget expenses," which may include operating, capital and accrued items. Section 109(h) amends Section 13(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to pay the allocable share of a reasonable annual accounting support fee or fees, determined in accordance with Section 109 of the Act.

On April 25, 2003, the Commission issued a policy statement concluding that the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and its parent organization, the Financial Accounting Foundation ("FAF"), satisfied the criteria for an accounting standard-setting body under the Act, and recognizing the FASB's financial accounting and reporting standards as "generally accepted" under Section 108 of the Act.¹ As a consequence of that recognition, the Commission undertook a review of the FASB's accounting support fee for calendar year 2005. In connection with its review, the Commission also reviewed the proposed budget for the FAF and the FASB for calendar year 2005.

Section 109 of the Act also provides that the standard setting body can have additional sources of revenue for its activities, such as earnings from sales of publications, provided that each additional source of revenue shall not jeopardize the actual or perceived independence of the standard setter. In

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ Financial Reporting Release No. 70.