

affect trading on the Exchange. To the extent that the proposed changes make NYSE Amex a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become ATP Holders on the Exchange.

The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees and credits to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment.

*C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>25</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>26</sup> thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)<sup>27</sup> of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-37 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-37. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission 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/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-37, and should be submitted on or before July 14, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>28</sup>

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15183 and #15184; KANSAS Disaster #KS-00102]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of KANSAS**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of KANSAS (FEMA-4319-DR), dated 06/16/2017.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 04/28/2017 through 05/03/2017.

**DATES:** Effective 06/16/2017.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 08/15/2017.

*Economic Injury (Eidl) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/16/2018.

**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, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 06/16/2017, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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:* Cherokee, Cheyenne, Crawford, Decatur, Finney, Gove, Graham, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Logan, Morton, Neosho, Norton, Rawlins, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	

<sup>25</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15183B and for economic injury is 15184B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Announcement of Growth Accelerator Fund Competition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announces the 2017 Growth Accelerator Fund Competition, pursuant to the America Competes Act, to recognize the nation's most innovative accelerators and award them cash prizes they may use to fund their operations costs and allow them to bring startup companies to scale and new ideas to life.

**DATES:** The submission period for entries begins 12:00 p.m. EDT, June 23, 2017 and ends July 21, 2017 at 4:59 p.m. EDT. Winners will be announced no later than Fall 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nagesh Rao, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6565, [accelerators@sba.gov](mailto:accelerators@sba.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Competition Details

1. *Subject of Competition:* The SBA is seeking to identify the nation's most innovative and promising small business accelerators and incubators in order to infuse them with additional resource capital that ultimately stimulates the growth and development of startups from within the entrepreneurial communities they serve. For the purposes of this Competition, Growth Accelerators include accelerators, incubators, co-working startup communities, shared tinker-spaces or other models to accomplish similar goals. Regardless of the specific model employed, Growth Accelerators focus on helping entrepreneurs and

their startups speed the launch, growth and scale of their businesses. A broad set of models used to support start-ups will better serve the entire entrepreneurial ecosystem. Whether an accelerator is industry focused, technology focused, product centric, cohort based or more long term, all are valuable players in the nation's high-growth entrepreneurial ecosystem that ultimately creates jobs.

2. *Eligibility Rules for Participating in the Competition:* This Competition is open only to previous Growth Accelerator Fund Competition Winners (2014-2016). Previous winners should be established private entities, such as corporations or non-profit organizations that are already incorporated and maintain a primary place of business and operation in the United States. Entities that have an outstanding, unresolved financial obligation to, or that are currently suspended or debarred by, the Federal Government are not eligible for this Competition. Federal, state, local and tribal agencies are also not eligible for this Competition.

3. *Registration and Entry Submission Process for Contestants:* Contestants must submit their 2017 Growth Accelerator Fund applications online using the link designated for that purpose on [www.sba.gov/accelerators](http://www.sba.gov/accelerators), where the link will be posted. In addition to the basic details collected in that short application form, contestants must also complete and submit deck, similar to one that would be used in a pitch competition, which must address all of the items identified below: Mission and Vision

- What is your accelerator's mission in one sentence?
- What specific elements make your accelerator model stand out?
- What experiences prepare your team for this?

##### Impact

- What gaps does or will your accelerator and/or thrust/program fill?
- What are the specifics of your model and how it will accomplish the above?
- What has been your success/metrics so far?
- Please explain your overall statistics of the start-up life cycle?

##### Implementation

- What is your plan for the prize money if you win?
- Provide basics of business plan and phases for implementation.
- Aside from the founding team members, what do you look for in staff?
- What are the largest risk factors you see?

##### Metrics

- What are your fundraising goals or metrics? (aside from the 4-to-1 match)
- Is there a plan in place to secure/work to secure funds (cash, in-kind donations, or sponsorships) in a 4-to-1 proportion to the prize dollars received?
- Aside from metrics required by SBA, what are 5 key metrics you will use to self-evaluate?
- What does success look like?

Additionally, participants in this Competition must utilize models of operation that include most, if not all, of the following elements:

- Selective process to choose participating startups.
- Regular networking opportunities offered to startups.
- Introductions to customers, partners, suppliers, advisory boards and other players.
- High-growth and tech-driven startup mentorship and commercialization assistance.
- Shared working environments focused on building a strong startup community.
- Resource sharing and co-working arrangements for startups.
- Opportunities to pitch ideas and startups to investors along with other capital formation avenues to startups.
- Small amounts of angel money, seed capital or structured loans to startups.
- Service to underserved communities, such as women, veterans, and economically disadvantaged individuals.

4. *Prizes for Winners:* Prizes will be paid in lump sum via the Automated Clearing House (ACH). Winners will be required to create an account in the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to receive an award, and should have their paperwork and system's credentials established prior to receipt of the award.

5. *Selection of Winners:* Competition entries will be evaluated by a review committee that may be comprised of SBA officials, including District Office employees, other federal agencies, and/or private sector experts. Winners will be selected based upon how well they address the criteria identified in Items 2 and 3 of this Competition announcement. In judging entries, special consideration will be given to those accelerator models which support one or more of the following:

- STEM/Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- Women-Owned or Minority-Owned Small Businesses (Underserved Communities)
- Rural Communities