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Notice of Proposed Crowdfunding Rules

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On March 28, 2014, Governor Inslee signed into law the Washington Jobs Act of 2014 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2023) which created a new exemption from securities registration for “crowdfunding” offerings. The exemption will be available for equity offerings of up to \$1 million in a twelve month period. Before the crowdfunding exemption may be used, however, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions must adopt rules to implement the exemption.

The Securities Division has now filed a notice of Proposed Rule Making (CR-102) and the text of proposed rules (OTS-6460.3) to implement the crowdfunding exemption. In addition, the Securities Division conducted a survey to ascertain the prospective effects of the rules on small businesses and prepared a Small Business Economic Impact Survey (“SBEIS”) that discusses the results of the survey. Further, the Division has created a form to be used for both making the exemption notice filing and for providing disclosure to prospective investors. The form is currently titled the “Washington Crowdfunding Form.” Please find accompanying this notice, copies of the rule making notice, the proposed rules, the SBEIS, and the Washington Crowdfunding Form. These materials are also available on the rule making page of the Division’s website at <http://dfi.wa.gov/sd/rulemaking.htm>.

If you have comments on the proposed rules or the Washington Crowdfunding Form, we would like to hear from you. Comments will be accepted through September 23, 2014 and may be submitted to Faith Anderson at faith.anderson@dfi.wa.gov, or you may mail your comments to the following address:

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A public hearing on the proposed rules is scheduled for September 25, 2014. Further details concerning the hearing are included in the accompanying notice of Proposed Rule Making.