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MSRB Requests Comment on Establishing Continuing Education Requirements for Municipal Advisors.

Washington, DC - The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) is seeking comment on a draft rule amendment to establish continuing education (CE) requirements for municipal advisors. The CE requirements would complement the MSRB's professional qualification program for municipal advisors, including an examination for municipal advisor representatives and a forthcoming examination for municipal advisor principals at municipal advisor firms.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act mandated that the MSRB develop professional qualification standards and CE requirements for municipal advisors. The draft amendments to MSRB Rule G-3, on professional qualification requirements, aim to establish robust CE requirements for municipal advisors while balancing the need to avoid unnecessary regulatory overlap with existing CE requirements for municipal securities dealers, who may also act as municipal advisors.

"Creating appropriate CE requirements for municipal advisors will ensure that firms provide minimum levels of training to individuals whose advice can have such a long-lasting impact on the financial health of states, cities and other municipalities across the country," said MSRB Executive Director Lynnette Kelly. "This is an important next step in the development of a comprehensive regulatory framework for municipal advisors."

The MSRB will host a free educational webinar on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time to review the draft requirements and assist stakeholders in providing input on the proposal. Register for the webinar.

Read the request for comment.

Comments should be submitted no later than November 14, 2016.

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