MEMORANDUM

TO: Specialists, Floor Brokers and Registered Options Traders (ROTs)
FROM: Nasdaq PHLX Floor Surveillance
DATE: June 29, 2018
RE: Firm Participation Guarantees

Effective immediately, Nasdaq PHLX (Phlx) Rule 1064, Commentary .02 has been amended to provide that the firm participation guarantee eligibility size shall be 50 contracts as described below:

PHLX Rule 1064, Commentary .02, Firm Participation Guarantees

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Rule, when a Floor Broker holds an equity, index or U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option order of the eligible order size or greater ("original order"), the Floor Broker is entitled to cross a certain percentage of the original order with other orders that he is holding or in the case of a public customer order, with a facilitation order of the originating firm (i.e., the firm from which the original customer order originated).

(ii) The Exchange may determine, on an option by option basis, the eligible size for an order that may be transacted pursuant to this Commentary, however, the eligible order size may not be less than 50 contracts. Orders for less than 50 contracts may be crossed pursuant to this Rule but are not subject to subsection (iii) below pertaining to participation guarantees. In accordance with his responsibilities for due diligence, a Floor Broker representing an order of the eligible order size or greater which he wishes to cross shall request bids and offers for such option series and make all persons in the trading crowd aware of his request. In determining whether an order satisfies the eligible order size requirement, any multi-part or spread order must contain one leg alone which is for the eligible order size or greater. If the same member organization is the originating firm and also the specialist for the particular class of options to which the order relates, then the specialist is not entitled to any Enhanced Specialist Participation with respect to the particular cross transaction.

The firm eligibility size was previously 500 contracts. The amendment lowered the eligibility size to 50 contracts.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact Phlx Floor Surveillance at 215-496-5295.