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Special Issue:

Enhancing the Effectiveness of the 21st Century Board of Directors

Call for Papers

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The *International Journal of Disclosure and Governance* is calling for papers for a special issue on *Enhancing the Effectiveness of the 21st Century Board of Directors*. This issue, planned for late 2012, will build on the success of previous special issues, devoted to *Governance in India*, *XBRL*, *The Audit Profession* and *Financial Regulation*.

This call for papers is an invitation to leading practitioners in the governance sector worldwide, regulators, elected officials and academic researchers for articles that address:

- Advisors, resources and independent assurance provided to the board and/or a committee(s) of the board;
- Assessment/development of board, committee and/or director performance;
- Board/committee leadership;
- Board composition, competencies and diversity;
- Board dynamics;
- Ethical issues related to board effectiveness;
- Enhancing the effectiveness of particular types of boards (e.g., listed, SME, unlisted, significant shareholder, state-owned, non-profit);
- Governance of compensation/remuneration;
- Governance of conflicts of interest and/or related party transactions (e.g., control persons or shareholders, other);
- Governance of financial reporting and the audit process;
- Governance of information technology;
- Governance of minority shareholder rights;

- Governance of risk;
- Governance of sustainability reporting and stakeholder relationships;
- Internal reporting;
- Re-imagining the board of directors;
- Re-thinking the role of individual directors;
- Roles/responsibilities of a stakeholder(s) (e.g., shareholders, proxy advisors, regulators, etc.) in board effectiveness;
- Shareholder engagement and accountability;
- The strategic role of the board; and
- What constitutes board effectiveness?

The topics listed above are guidelines only, intended to spark ideas for papers that might be of interest to the journal's readers. They include sub-topics and overlap, are non-exhaustive, and span important board/committee responsibilities required for overall board effectiveness.

Your paper should include a governance perspective and be focused upon enhancing:

- (i) the effectiveness of the board;
- (ii) the effectiveness of a principal responsibility or committee of the board; and/or
- (iii) the effectiveness of individual board roles or members (e.g., board chair, committee chairs, or all directors).

Submission Guidelines: Interested authors should submit manuscripts to special issue co-editor Richard Leblanc at rleblanc@yorku.ca and also copy the journal editor, Michael Alles, at alles@business.rutgers.edu. **Please note that the submission deadline for the special issue is July 1, 2012, though early submissions are highly encouraged to enable a timely review.** All academic submissions will be peer reviewed. Final submission decisions will be announced by August 31, 2012.

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