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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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**The following was emailed to financial advisors on or about August 10, 2007:**

We want to share with you in advance important news regarding Nuveen Investments. As part of Madison Dearborn's announced intention to buy Nuveen, we will soon deliver proxies to both open and closed-end fund investors asking them to approve the change in control. A shareholder meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2007 and we will be mailing proxies to shareholders in late August and early September.

To facilitate this process, we are asking for your help communicating this information to your firm's financial advisors and their clients.

We thank you for your continued support of Nuveen and hope you can join us on September 5th to kick off this very important proxy project.