



## Regulatory Circular RG10-91

To: Trading Permit Holders  
From: Trading Operations  
Date: August 17, 2010  
Re: HAL Auction

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The CBOE utilizes a mechanism called the Hybrid Agency Liaison (HAL) to seek price improvement and liquidity before “linking” an order to an away exchange.

Previously, only CBOE Market-Makers with an appointment in the class and Trading Permit Holders (TPHs) acting as agent for orders at the top of the Exchange’s book in the relevant option series were permitted to respond to a HAL auction. Effective Monday, August 23, 2010, all TPHs will be permitted to receive HAL auction messages and submit responses, including at prices better than the NBBO, to HAL auctions in any option class. As a result, responses may be submitted to HAL by all CBOE Market-Makers, regardless of whether they have an appointment in the subject class, and by all other TPHs, either as principal or agent on behalf of away market-makers, firms, broker/dealers, public and professional customers. Participants are reminded that the HAL auction is for a maximum of 150 milliseconds, and that responses priced at the NBBO or better trade immediately.

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