



Cboe Options Exchange RTH MBTX (MBTXW) LMM Incentive Program

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LMM Incentive Program Application

Cboe Options (the “Exchange”) will be accepting applications from interested Trading Permit Holders (TPHs) for the Lead Market-Maker (LMM) role in the Regular Trading Hours (RTH) session for Cboe Bitcoin U.S. ETF Index Options (Symbol: MBTX/MBTXW) for the purposes of the RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMM Incentive Program (“Program”), *subject to regulatory review*.

Interested parties must submit application materials to become a RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMM **no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, January 27, 2026**, to Cboe Membership Services. The application link can be found [here](#). Please contact [Cboe Membership Services](#) with any application questions.

LMM Incentive Program Details

The Exchange intends to select up to two candidates to serve as the Program’s RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMMs from **February 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026**, taking into consideration various factors, including those set forth in [Cboe Options Rule](#) 3.55.

As any Market-Maker, an LMM appointed to the Program has a regulatory obligation to maintain continuous two-sided quotes in 60% of the series with 270 days or less to expiration in its appointed products for at least 90% of the time it is quoting during all trading sessions (to be measured across all of its class appointments collectively) and satisfy all other Market-Maker obligations set forth in Cboe Options Rule 5.51.

The RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMM Incentive Program, as will be set forth within the Cboe Options Fees Schedule, provides that a RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMM meeting or exceeding the Program’s heightened quoting standards (provided below) in a month will receive a compensation payment for that month in the amount of \$15,000 (subject to change and announced by Exchange Notice/Fees Schedule, *subject to regulatory review*). Additionally, a MBTX LMM meeting the Program’s heightened quoting standards will receive a credit of \$0.25/contract applied to all MBTX contracts executed in Market-Maker capacity. To receive the monthly payments, 85% of the series must have qualifying post-opening-rotation quotes from the appointed LMM 85% of the time between 9:30 a.m. ET until 4:15 p.m. ET. Cboe Options notes

that meeting or exceeding the heightened quoting standards to receive a compensation payment as described above is optional for a RTH MBTX/MBTXW LMM. The Exchange may consider other exceptions to this quoting standard based on demonstrated legal or regulatory requirements or other mitigating circumstances. A “qualifying” quote is one that is no wider than the amount set forth in the table below, and such quotes will qualify only after the series is open (i.e., pre-opening quotes do not count).

Width					
Premium Level	6 days or less	7 days to 14 days	15 days to 60 days	61 days to 120 days	121 days to 270 days
\$0.00 - \$1.00	\$0.05	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.25
\$1.01 - \$3.00	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.40
\$3.01 - \$5.00	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.40	\$0.80
\$5.01 - \$10.00	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$1.75
\$10.01 - \$20.00	\$1.40	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$0.90	\$2.40
\$20.01 - \$50.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
Greater than \$50.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$12.00

Size					
Premium Level	6 days or less	7 days to 14 days	15 days to 60 days	61 days to 120 days	121 days to 270 days
\$0.00 - \$1.00	15	15	10	5	5
\$1.01 - \$3.00	15	15	10	5	5
\$3.01 - \$5.00	15	15	10	5	5
\$5.01 - \$10.00	5	10	15	5	3
\$10.01 - \$20.00	1	1	5	5	3
\$20.01 - \$50.00	1	1	3	1	1
Greater than \$50.00	1	1	1	1	1

In calculating whether an LMM meets the Program’s heightened quoting standards, the Exchange will exclude from the calculation each month the business day in which the LMM missed the Program’s heightened quoting standards in the highest number of series.

As pre-open quotes do not count towards the Program’s quoting standards, the LMM should be aware that the system will not allow a series to open unless the composite market (i.e., the BBO comprised of appointed Market-Maker quotes in MBTX/MBTXW) is no wider than the MCW/OCW widths defined in Cboe Options Rule 5.31(a) and presented in the below table, unless there are no orders to trade or limit orders that cross the mid-point of the composite market:

Composite Market Bid Price	Max Composite Width
\$0.00 - \$1.99	0.50
\$2.00 - \$5.00	0.80
\$5.01 - \$10.00	1.00
\$10.01 - \$20.00	2.00
\$20.01 - \$50.00	3.00
\$50.01 - \$100.00	5.00
\$100.01 - \$200.00	8.00
Greater than \$200.00	12.00

Support

Questions may be directed as follows:

- Questions about this topic may be directed to the [Market Structure and Functionality Group](#).
- Operational questions may be directed to [Cboe Operations Support Center](#).
- Regulatory questions may be directed to the [Regulatory Interpretations and Guidance Team](#).