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SEC Announces Forum to Discuss Distributed Ledger Technology and Digital Assets, as well as Local Peer-To-Peer Meetings

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The Securities and Exchange Commission <u>announced on March 15, 2019</u>, that the staff of its Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology, known as <u>FinHub</u>, will hold a forum focusing on distributed ledger technology (DLT) and digital assets. The forum, which will be open to the public and webcast live via the SEC's website, will be held on May 31, 2019, at the SEC's Washington, D.C. headquarters. While more information on the agenda and participants will be published in the coming weeks, the forum is slated to feature panelists from industry and academia who are expected to explore topics such as initial coin offerings, digital asset platforms, DLT innovations, and how these technologies impact investors and the markets.

Separately, on its webpage, FinHub describes its "Local P2Ps" Program:

"The SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub) seeks to engage with FinTech communities across the country and has begun hosting local peer-to-peer meetings. These P2Ps offer members of FinTech communities the opportunity to speak in person with FinHub staff at a location nearby to discuss a general issue, specific question, or give a presentation about their work."

FinHub recently conducted a local peer-to-peer meeting at the SEC's Regional Office in San Francisco and is currently offering two additional opportunities—the first at the SEC's Regional Office in Denver on May 3 between 1-3 pm, and the next at the SEC's Regional Office in Philadelphia on June 3 between 2-5 pm.

Persons who wish to participate in such a peer-to-peer meeting must book the meeting on FinHub's webpage.

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