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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-22391

Nuveen Build America Bond Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary  
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 12/31/11

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
 Nuveen Build America Bond Fund (NBB)  
 December 31, 2011

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Arizona – 2.5% (2.1% of Total Investments)			
\$ 3,000	Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona, System Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.423%, 8/01/35	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	\$ 3,375,120
10,000	Mesa, Arizona, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, 6.100%, 7/01/34	No Opt. Call	Aa2	10,690,100
13,000	Total Arizona			14,065,220
	California – 22.4% (18.3% of Total Investments)			
35	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Subordinate Lien, Build America Federally Taxable Bond Series 2010S-1, 6.793%, 4/01/30	No Opt. Call	A+	42,310
500	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, Revenue Bonds, University of California San Francisco Neurosciences Building, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.486%, 5/15/49	No Opt. Call	Aa2	578,775
3,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2009G-2, 8.361%, 10/01/34	No Opt. Call	A2	3,526,050
4,050	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010A-2, 8.000%, 3/01/35	3/20 at 100.00	A2	4,364,159
7,000	California State University, Systemwide Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.484%, 11/01/41	No Opt. Call	Aa2	8,199,450
4,500	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010, 7.950%, 3/01/36	3/20 at 100.00	A1	5,103,135
5,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010, 7.600%, 11/01/40	No Opt. Call	A1	6,203,300
5,500	City and County of San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Taxable Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Redevelopment Projects, Series 2009F, 8.406%, 8/01/39	No Opt. Call	A1	6,373,895
950	Los Alamitos Unified School District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,067,496

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School Facilities Improvement, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010C, 6.210%, 8/01/35				
15,000	Los Angeles Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010, 6.600%, 8/01/42 (4)	No Opt. Call	Aa1	19,334,700
10,000	Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, 6.600%, 8/01/42 (UB) (4)	No Opt. Call	Aa1	12,889,800
Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Multiple Capital Projects I, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B:				
5,500	7.488%, 8/01/33	No Opt. Call	A+	6,954,695
11,250	7.618%, 8/01/40	No Opt. Call	A+	13,867,088
2,000	Los Angeles Department of Airports, California, Revenue Bonds, Los Angeles International Airport, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2009C, 6.582%, 5/15/39	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,423,780
1,435	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable – Direct Payment – Build America Bonds, Series 2010D, 6.574%, 7/01/45	No Opt. Call	AA-	1,927,320
2,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Water System Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust T0003, 29.624%, 7/01/42 (IF) (4)	No Opt. Call	AA	5,541,300
3,000	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinated Housing Set Aside Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Series 2011A-T, 7.500%, 9/01/19	No Opt. Call	A	3,339,270
5,000	Orange County Sanitation District, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010A, 5.580%, 2/01/40	No Opt. Call	AAA	5,873,750
2,355	San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2009C, 7.630%, 8/01/44	No Opt. Call	Aa2	2,978,392
4,000	San Francisco City and County, California, Certificates of Participation, 525 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Office Project, Tender Option Bond Trust B001, 28.877%, 11/01/30 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA-	5,430,400
1,000	Santa Barbara County, California, Certificates of Participation, Recovery Zone Economic Development Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A-2, 6.250%, 12/01/40	No Opt. Call	AA+	1,105,740
Stanton Redevelopment Agency, California, Consolidated Project Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011A:				
275	6.500%, 12/01/17	No Opt. Call	A-	291,236
295	6.750%, 12/01/18	No Opt. Call	A-	312,231
2,505			Aa2	2,919,001

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	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Limited Project, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010F, 5.946%, 5/15/45	No Opt. Call		
1,280	Walnut Energy Center Authority, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Turlock Irrigation District, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010B, 6.230%, 1/01/29	No Opt. Call	A+	1,430,707
2,000	West Kern Water District, California, Certificates of Participation, Land Acquisition Project, Build America Bonds, Series 10B, 6.720%, 6/01/40	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,484,380
99,430	Total California Colorado – 2.7% (2.2% of Total Investments)			124,562,360
3,100	Denver School District 1, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2009C, 5.664%, 12/01/33	No Opt. Call	Aa2	3,671,206
1,000	East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District, Arapahoe County, Colorado, Water Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 5.820%, 11/15/40	11/20 at 100.00	A+	1,039,670
3,000	Mesa State College, Colorado, Auxiliary Facilities Enterprise Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.746%, 5/15/42	No Opt. Call	Aa2	3,711,090
1,000	Metropolitan State College of Denver, Colorado, Institutional Enterprise Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Recovery Zone Economic Development Project, Series 2010, 6.000%, 12/01/40	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,152,000
5,000	St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 5.790%, 12/15/33	12/20 at 100.00	Aa2	5,357,600
13,100	Total Colorado Connecticut – 1.2% (1.0% of Total Investments)			14,931,566
6,000	Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District, Connecticut, Special Obligation Revenue Bonds, Harbor Point Project, Federally Taxable – Issuer Subsidy – Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond Series 2010B, 12.500%, 4/01/39	4/20 at 100.00	N/R	6,450,300
5,000	Florida – 2.2% (1.8% of Total Investments) Florida Governmental Utilities Authority, North Fort Myers Utility Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010B, 7.084%, 10/01/40	10/20 at 100.00	A2	5,492,800
6,195	Florida State Board of Education, Public Education Capital Outlay Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010G, 5.750%, 6/01/35 (4)	6/19 at 100.00	AAA	6,884,813
11,195	Total Florida Georgia – 4.7% (3.8% of Total Investments)			12,377,613
10,000	Georgia Municipal Electric Authority, Plant Vogtle Units 3 & 4 Project J Bonds, Taxable Build America Bonds Series 2010A, 6.637%, 4/01/57	No Opt. Call	A+	10,593,900
15,000			A-	15,541,650

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	Georgia Municipal Electric Authority, Plant Vogtle Units 3 & 4 Project P Bonds, Refunding Taxable Build America Bonds Series 2010A, 7.055%, 4/01/57	No Opt. Call		
25,000	Total Georgia			26,135,550
	Illinois – 16.3% (13.3% of Total Investments)			
5,000	Chicago Transit Authority, Illinois, Sales and Transfer Tax Receipts Revenue Bonds, Pension Funding Taxable Series 2008A, 6.899%, 12/01/40	No Opt. Call	AA	5,928,750
3,800	Chicago Transit Authority, Illinois, Sales Tax Receipts Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010B, 6.200%, 12/01/40	No Opt. Call	AA	4,292,518
10,650	Chicago, Illinois, General Airport Revenue Bonds, O’Hare International Airport, Third Lien, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.845%, 1/01/38	1/20 at 100.00	A1	11,799,668
10,000	Chicago, Illinois, Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.900%, 1/01/40	No Opt. Call	Aa3	12,454,700
10,000	Chicago, Illinois, Water Revenue Bonds, Taxable Second Lien Series 2010B, 6.742%, 11/01/40	No Opt. Call	AA–	12,772,200
5,225	Cook County, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.360%, 11/15/33	No Opt. Call	AA	5,687,099
15,855	Cook County, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010D, 6.229%, 11/15/34	No Opt. Call	AA	17,635,358
500	Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Illinois Institute of Technology, Refunding Series 2006A, 6.100%, 4/01/15	3/12 at 100.00	Baa3	475,945
13,875	Illinois State, General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010-3, 6.725%, 4/01/35	No Opt. Call	A+	14,691,544
4,100	Illinois Toll Highway Authority, Toll Highway Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2009A, 6.184%, 1/01/34	No Opt. Call	AA–	4,859,607
79,005	Total Illinois			90,597,389
	Indiana – 1.2% (1.0% of Total Investments)			
1,250	Evansville Redevelopment Authority, Indiana, Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 6.960%, 2/01/34	8/20 at 100.00	Aa3	1,404,413
5,000	Indiana University, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010B, 5.636%, 6/01/35 (4)	6/20 at 100.00	Aaa	5,401,500
6,250	Total Indiana			6,805,913
	Kentucky – 1.4% (1.1% of Total Investments)			
5,000	Kentucky Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply System Revenue Bonds, Prairie State Project, Tender Option Bond Trust B002, 29.058%, 9/01/37 – AGC Insured (IF)	9/20 at 100.00	AA–	7,537,000
	Louisiana – 3.8% (3.1% of Total Investments)			
20,350	East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission, Louisiana, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B, 6.087%,	2/20 at 100.00	AA	21,228,103

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	2/01/45 (UB) (4)			
	Massachusetts – 0.9% (0.8% of Total Investments)			
2,000	Massachusetts, Transportation Fund Revenue Bonds, Accelerated Bridge Program, Tender Option	No Opt. Call	AAA	5,128,100
	Bond Trust T0004, 25.090%, 6/01/40 (IF) (4)			
	Michigan – 2.8% (2.3% of Total Investments)			
12,650	Detroit City School District, Wayne County, Michigan, General Obligation Bonds, Build America	No Opt. Call	Aa2	15,058,307
	Taxable Bond Series 2009B, 7.747%, 5/01/39			
1,045	Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds,	6/22 at 100.00	BB+	740,424
	Taxable Turbo Series 2006A, 7.309%, 6/01/34			
13,695	Total Michigan			15,798,731
	Missouri – 0.7% (0.6% of Total Investments)			
1,290	Curators of the University of Missouri, System Facilities Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable	No Opt. Call	AA+	1,678,329
	Bonds, Series 2009A, 5.960%, 11/01/39			
1,900	Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, Prairie State Power Project Revenue	1/19 at 100.00	A3	2,237,060
	Bond, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds – Direct Pay, Series 2009A, 6.890%, 1/01/42			
3,190	Total Missouri			3,915,389
	Nevada – 5.2% (4.2% of Total Investments)			
8,810	Clark County, Nevada, Airport Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2009B, 6.881%, 7/01/42	7/19 at 100.00	Aa2	9,842,003
1,380	Clark County, Nevada, Airport System Revenue, Taxable Direct Payment Build America Bonds,	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,761,956
	Senior Series 2010C, 6.820%, 7/01/45			
8,500	Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Build America	No Opt. Call	AA+	11,146,135
	Taxable Bonds, Series 2009C, 7.013%, 6/01/39			
1,315	Las Vegas, Nevada, Certificates of Participation, City Hall Project, Build America Federally	9/19 at 100.00	AA–	1,515,012
	Taxable Bonds, Series 2009B, 7.800%, 9/01/39			
4,000	North Las Vegas, Nevada, General Obligation Water and Wastewater Improvement Bonds, Build	No Opt. Call	A+	4,590,360
	America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.572%, 6/01/40			
24,005	Total Nevada			28,855,466
	New Jersey – 3.1% (2.6% of Total Investments)			
140	New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2009F,	No Opt. Call	A+	200,530
	7.414%, 1/01/40			
12,505	New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A,	No Opt. Call	A+	17,257,275
	7.102%, 1/01/41			
12,645	Total New Jersey			17,457,805
	New York – 13.6% (11.1% of Total Investments)			
25,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Build	No Opt. Call	AAA	30,002,250
	America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010D, 5.600%, 3/15/40 (UB) (4)			
10,000			A–	11,691,900

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	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010B, 5.850%, 5/01/41	No Opt. Call		
4,850	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2009A-1, 5.871%, 11/15/39	No Opt. Call	A	5,235,721
2,595	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Second Generation Resolution, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010DD, 5.952%, 6/15/42	No Opt. Call	AA+	3,241,596
2,025	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Second Generation Resolution, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010DD, 5.952%, 6/15/42 (UB)	No Opt. Call	AA+	2,529,569
1,595	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Second Generation Resolution, Taxable Tender Option Bonds Trust T30001-2, 26.248%, 6/15/44 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA+	3,626,871
5,500	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Building Aid Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Fiscal 2011 Series 2010S-1B, 6.828%, 7/15/40	No Opt. Call	AA-	7,089,885
10,000	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010G-1, 5.467%, 5/01/40 (4)	No Opt. Call	AAA	12,105,900
61,565	Total New York Ohio – 6.6% (5.5% of Total Investments)			75,523,692
10,000	American Municipal Power Inc., Ohio, Combined Hydroelectric Projects Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010B, 7.834%, 2/15/41	No Opt. Call	A	13,915,200
3,000	Circleville City School District, Pickaway County, Ohio, General Obligation School Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds, Build America Taxable Series 2010C, 6.300%, 11/01/40	5/20 at 100.00	Aa2	3,303,780
1,070	Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, Ohio, Lease Revenue Anticipation Bonds, Federally Taxable Direct Payment Build America Bonds, Series 2010, 6.540%, 12/01/36	No Opt. Call	AA	1,234,331
1,760	Madison Local School District, Lake & Geauga Counties, Ohio, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010C, 6.050%, 4/01/42	9/20 at 100.00	Aa2	1,874,136
15,000	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Wastewater Improvement Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010, 6.038%, 11/15/40	11/20 at 100.00	AA+	16,718,250
30,830	Total Ohio Oregon – 3.0% (2.5% of Total Investments)			37,045,697
4,000	Oregon Department of Administrative Services, Certificates of Participation, Federally Taxable	5/20 at 100.00	AA	5,436,200



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	Build America Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust TN-011, 26.556%, 5/01/35 (IF) (4)			
9,660	Warm Springs Reservation Confederated Tribes, Oregon, Tribal Economic Development Bonds, Hydroelectric Revenue Bonds, Pelton Round Butte Project, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.250%, 11/01/19	No Opt. Call	A3	11,195,554
13,660	Total Oregon			16,631,754
	Pennsylvania – 0.7% (0.6% of Total Investments)			
1,500	New Castle Sanitation Authority, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Sewer Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.506%, 6/01/41 – AGM Insured	6/20 at 100.00	AA–	1,692,060
2,000	Pennsylvania State, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Third Series 2010B, 5.850%, 7/15/30	7/20 at 100.00	Aa1	2,251,580
3,500	Total Pennsylvania			3,943,640
	South Carolina – 3.9% (3.2% of Total Investments)			
6,285	South Carolina Public Service Authority, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Santee Cooper, Federally Taxable Build America Series 2010C, 6.454%, 1/01/50	No Opt. Call	AA–	8,672,609
205	South Carolina Public Service Authority, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Santee Cooper, Federally Taxable Build America Tender Option Bond Trust T30002, 29.262%, 1/01/50 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA–	594,387
8,985	South Carolina Public Service Authority, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Santee Cooper, Federally Taxable Build America Series 2010C, 6.454%, 1/01/50 (UB)	No Opt. Call	AA–	12,398,312
15,475	Total South Carolina			21,665,308
	Tennessee – 3.4% (2.8% of Total Investments)			
15,000	Metropolitan Government Nashville & Davidson County Convention Center Authority, Tennessee, Tourism Tax Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010A-2, 7.431%, 7/01/43	No Opt. Call	A1	18,675,750
	Texas – 8.5% (7.0% of Total Investments)			
9,915	Dallas Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation, Texas, Hotel Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 09B, 7.088%, 1/01/42	No Opt. Call	A+	11,256,202
10,000	North Texas Tollway Authority, System Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Taxable Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010-B2, 8.910%, 2/01/30	2/20 at 100.00	Baa3	11,550,700
15,000	North Texas Tollway Authority, System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Build America Bond Series 2009B, 6.718%, 1/01/49	No Opt. Call	A2	18,694,350
5,000	San Antonio, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010B, 6.038%, 8/01/40	8/20 at 100.00	AAA	5,773,450
39,915	Total Texas			47,274,702
	Utah – 2.0% (1.6% of Total Investments)			

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5,000	Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Utah, Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010A, 5.700%, 10/01/40	4/20 at 100.00	AA+	5,192,750
5,415	Midvale Redevelopment Agency, Utah, Tax Increment and Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Series 2010, 6.250%, 5/01/34 – AGM Insured	5/20 at 100.00	AA–	5,791,397
10,415	Total Utah			10,984,147
	Vermont – 1.1% (0.9% of Total Investments)			
5,000	University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Revenue Bonds, Build America Bonds Series 2010, 6.428%, 10/01/44	No Opt. Call	Aa3	6,346,550
	Virgin Islands – 1.0% (0.8% of Total Investments)			
5,000	Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds Series 2010C, 6.850%, 7/01/35 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	5,690,050
	Virginia – 2.9% (2.4% of Total Investments)			
10,000	Metropolitan Washington DC Airports Authority, Virginia, Dulles Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Dulles Metrorail Capital Improvement Project, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010D, 8.000%, 10/01/47	No Opt. Call	BBB	11,072,400
3,810	Metropolitan Washington DC Airports Authority, Virginia, Dulles Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Series 2009D, 7.462%, 10/01/46 – AGC Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB+	4,256,646
1,705	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation of Virginia, Tobacco Settlement Asset Backed Bonds, Refunding Senior Lien Series 2007A1, 6.706%, 6/01/46	6/12 at 100.00	BB	1,062,795
15,515	Total Virginia			16,391,841
	Washington – 3.8% (3.1% of Total Investments)			
5,000	Grays Harbor County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Build America Bonds – Direct Payment, Series 2010A, 6.707%, 7/01/40	No Opt. Call	A1	5,913,150
5,000	Mason County Public Utility District 3, Washington, Electric Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds, Series 2010B, 6.347%, 12/01/40	6/20 at 100.00	Aa3	5,365,599
2,505	Okanogan County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bonds – Direct Payment, Series 2010B, 6.046%, 12/01/40	No Opt. Call	A1	2,795,779
4,000	Seattle, Washington, Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Build America Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust T0001, 23.969%, 2/01/40 (IF) (4)	No Opt. Call	Aa2	7,040,800
16,505	Total Washington			21,115,328
	Wyoming – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)			
2,000	University of Wyoming, Facilities Improvement Revenue Bonds, Build America Taxable Bond Series 2010C, 5.800%, 6/01/30	6/20 at 100.00	Aa2	2,157,059
\$				
568,245	Total Investments (cost \$595,431,522) – 122.0%			679,292,023

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Borrowings – (7.9)% (5)	(44,000,000)
Floating Rate Obligations – (9.5)%	(53,090,000)
Other Assets Less Liabilities – (4.6)% (6)	(25,420,039)
	\$
Net Assets – 100%	556,781,984

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Investments in Derivatives at December 31, 2011:

Swaps

outstanding:

Counterparty	Notional Amount	Fund Pay/Receive Floating Rate	Floating Rate Index	Fixed Rate (Annualized)	Fixed Rate Payment Frequency	Effective Date (7)	Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Barclays Bank PLC	\$94,000,000	Receive	3-Month USD-LIBOR	3.778%	Semi-Annually	2/17/12	2/17/40	\$(22,862,105)
JPMorgan	19,200,000	Receive	1-Month USD-LIBOR	0.360	Monthly	3/21/11	3/21/12	3,597
JPMorgan Morgan	19,200,000	Receive	1-Month USD-LIBOR	1.193	Monthly	3/21/11	3/21/14	(278,647)
Stanley Morgan	19,200,000	Receive	1-Month USD-LIBOR	2.064	Monthly	3/21/11	3/21/16	(925,861)
Stanley	26,000,000	Receive	3-Month USD-LIBOR	4.435	Semi-Annually	2/24/12	2/24/40	(9,903,655)
								\$(33,966,671)

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 - Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of December 31, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$—	\$679,292,023	\$—	\$679,292,023
Derivatives:				

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Swaps*	—	(33,966,671)	—	(33,966,671)
Total	\$—	\$645,325,352	\$—	\$645,325,352

\* Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

During the period ended December 31, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Fund records derivative instruments at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized on the Statement of Operations, when applicable. Even though the Fund's investments in derivatives may represent economic hedges, they are not considered to be hedge transactions for financial reporting purposes.

The following table presents the fair value of all derivative instruments held by the Fund as of December 31, 2011, the location of these instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and the primary underlying risk exposure.

Underlying Risk Exposure	Derivative Instrument	Location on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities			
		Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
		Location	Value	Location	Value
Interest Rate	Swaps	Unrealized appreciation on swaps*	\$3,597	Unrealized depreciation on swaps*	\$33,970,268

\* Value represents cumulative gross appreciation (depreciation) of swap contracts as reported in the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At December 31, 2011, the cost of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) was \$543,056,571.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) at December 31, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$83,999,421
Depreciation	(857,768)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$83,141,653

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets unless otherwise noted. Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption.
- (2) There

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may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.

Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors

(3) Service, Inc.

("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB

by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of

these national rating agencies.

(4) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in derivatives and/or inverse floating rate transactions.

(5) Borrowings as a percentage of total investments is 6.5%.

Other Assets Less Liabilities includes the Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of derivative

(6) instruments

as listed within Investments in Derivatives at December 31, 2011.

Effective date represents the date on which both the Fund and Counterparty commence interest

(7) payment

accruals on each forward swap contract.

N/R Not rated.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

USD-LIBOR United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rate.

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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
  
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Build America Bond Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date February 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date February 29, 2012

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date February 29, 2012