

for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement and a list of proposed settling de minimis parties are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region 4, Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comment may be submitted to Mr. Greg Armstrong at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: May 12, 1997.

Jewell Harper,

Acting Director, Waste Management Division.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established by P.L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank to the United States Congress.

Time and Place: Thursday, June 12, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at The Federal Reserve Bank, 101 Market Street, The Interpretive Center, Ground Floor, East Lobby, San Francisco, California 94105.

Agenda: The meeting agenda will include a discussion of competitiveness with two panels discussing features and programs regularly offered by competitor ECAs, and how these features and programs made a difference in the contract award outcome. In addition, they will discuss how Ex-Im Bank programs meet these objectives and what benefits have accrued to their organizations as a result of using Ex-Im Bank.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation; and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. In order to permit the Export-Import Bank to arrange suitable accommodations, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should notify Nancy Carkci, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571,

(202) 565-3512, not later than June 1, 1997. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to June 1, 1997, Nancy Carkci, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3512 or TDD: (202) 565-3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Nancy Carkci, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3512.

Kenneth W. Hansen,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than June 11, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *John Porter Pennington*, El Paso, Texas; to acquire an additional 12.46 percent, for a total of 21.41 percent, of the voting shares of Ruidoso Bank Corporation, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and thereby indirectly acquire Ruidoso State Bank, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 22, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 20, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *First State Bancshares of Blakely, Inc.*, Blakely, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First State Bank of Donalsonville, Donalsonville, Georgia (following its conversion from First Federal Savings Bank of Southwest Georgia, Donalsonville, Georgia).

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Meade Bancorp, Inc.*, Brandenburg, Kentucky; to acquire at least 15.6 percent of the voting shares of Bedford Loan & Deposit Bancorp, Inc., Bedford, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Bedford Loan & Deposit Bank, Bedford, Kentucky.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice

President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. Binger Agency, Inc., Binger, Oklahoma; to merge with Midstate Bancorp, Inc., Hinton, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire Legacy Bank TC, Blanchard, Oklahoma, and Legacy Bank, Hinton, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 22, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 2, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: May 23, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. OPRE-97-1]

Availability of Funds and Requests for Applications for Welfare Reform Studies and Analyses

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; ACF; DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and requests for

applications for welfare reform studies and analyses (OPRE-97-1).

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications are being accepted for funding to stimulate research and support a wide range of studies and analyses of varied aspects of welfare program changes at the national, state and local levels. This research will address the effects of welfare reform changes on families and children; the experiences of states and localities involved in implementing changes; or the experiences, responses and impacts on other entities or programs involved in implementing changes. Organizations eligible to apply for this Federal funding include public entities; private for-profit organizations (if fee is waived); and public or private nonprofit organizations, including universities. Federal funding under this announcement is intended to support research analysis and evaluation exclusively, not program operation or service provision. Projects funded under this announcement are intended to complement other aspects of the ACF research strategy for welfare reform evaluation and study. Funding under this announcement is intended to stimulate research and support a wide range of studies or components of studies and analyses of welfare program changes brought about by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and specifically the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. Subject to the availability, funding under this announcement is authorized by section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93.647) and is intended to support research analysis and evaluation, not program operation or service provision. ACF anticipates providing up to \$1.95 million for the total group of approved projects in FY 1997 and up to \$750,000 in FY 1998, subject to the availability of funds in each year, and a like amount in succeeding years. We estimate that this level of funding will support 4 to 8 separate projects under this announcement in FY 1997.

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for submission of applications is July 28, 1997. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

MAILING ADDRESS: Lois B. Hodge, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants—Room 6C-462, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447.

For hand delivered applications or applications sent via over-night mail services, use: ACF MAIL ROOM—2nd floor. Attn: Lois B. Hodge, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Administration for Children and Families; Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, DC 20447.

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Overview

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 brings historic changes to state control over the design of Federally funded public assistance under title IV-A of the Social Security Act as well as changes regarding how states choose to delegate decisions and administrative control to local agencies and authorities. These changes create the need to explore a broad array of issues to understand the effects on families and the varied institutions involved and to document programs and initiatives put in place to encourage and support self-sufficiency among welfare recipients.

ACF's national strategy for welfare reform research and evaluation is multi-faceted, including initiatives such as the State Welfare Reform Evaluation projects, the Child Care Research Partnership projects, the Project on State-Level Child Outcomes, the National Longitudinal Study of Children and Families in the Child Welfare System, and Departmental collaborations on topics such as employment stability and immigration and public assistance. The purpose of this announcement is to stimulate research and augment ongoing studies that are consistent with ACF's multi-faceted strategy and address areas not adequately covered by other projects in our welfare reform research and evaluation agenda. While we have identified some specific areas of interest to ACF within this announcement, researchers are encouraged to submit their own ideas and rationale for potential topics. This broad approach will assist ACF in continuing to develop research questions pertinent to welfare reform programs and policies and to fund projects that offer the most promise to adequately address such questions.

Currently, there is a great deal of activity in research institutes and firms,