

**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. The application also will 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 December 1, 1997.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Jeffery Hirsch, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Citizens Bancshares, Inc.*, Salineville, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of UniBank, Steubenville, Ohio.

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

1. *Community First Banking Company*, Carrollton, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Carrollton Federal Bank, FSB, Carrollton, Georgia (following conversion from a thrift to a commercial bank).

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

1. *Hillister Enterprises II, Inc.*, Beaumont, Texas; Umphrey II Family

Limited Partnership, Beaumont, Texas; Southeast Texas Bancshares, Inc., Beaumont, Texas; and Texas Community Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to acquire 58.64 percent of the voting shares of Silsbee Financial Corporation, Silsbee, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Silsbee Delaware Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware, and Silsbee State Bank, Silsbee, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 3, 1997.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collection projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project 1**

Applicant Background Survey—0990-0208—Extension—This form will be used to ask applicants for employment how they learned about a vacancy, to make sure that recruitment sources yield qualified women, minority and handicapped applicants in compliance with EEOC Management Directives. *Respondents:* Individuals; *Annual Number of Respondents:* 310,000;

*Annual Frequency of Response:* one time; *Average Burden per Response:* 2 minutes; *Total Annual Burden:* 10,333 hours.

**Proposed Project 2**

HHS Procurement—Solicitations and Contracts—Extension—0990-0115—This clearance request covers general information collection requirements of the procurement process such as technical proposals and statements of work.—*Respondents:* State or local governments, businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, small businesses; *Annual Number of Respondents:* 8415; *Frequency of Response:* one time; *Average Burden per Response:* 249.68 hours; *Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,101,005 hours.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Eydtt.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Bioethics Advisory Commission; Meetings**

Notice of two meetings of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC): One each of its genetics and human subjects subcommittees, including a brief joint session of the full Commission.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of two meetings of subcommittees of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission and a brief joint session of the full Commission. Commission members will discuss the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects in research including decisionally and/or cognitively impaired populations and will address the use of genetic information involved in tissue storage. All meetings are open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided.

Dates/times	Locations
Human Subjects Subcommittee, November 23, 1997, 7:30 am–5:00 pm. 11:30 am–1:30 pm .....	National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. Full Commission Meeting, Conference Room 10.
Genetics Subcommittee, November 23, 1997, 7:30 am–4:30 pm.	National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 9, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975 on October 3, 1995 for an initial two years. An amendment to Executive Order 12975, dated May 16, 1997, extended the term of the Commission for an additional two years. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and in the applications of that research including clinical applications.

#### Public Participation

All meetings are open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below prior to the meeting as soon as possible. Individuals unable to make oral presentations are encouraged to mail or fax their comments to the NBAC staff office for distribution to the subcommittee or Commission members and inclusion in the public record. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Norris, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, MSC-7508, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

**Henrietta D. Hyatt-Knorr,**

*Deputy Executive Director, Acting, National Bioethics Advisory Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Wilma Johnson, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

##### 1. Survey of Assisted Reproductive Technology Embryo Laboratory Procedures and Practices—New

In October 1992, Congress passed the Fertility Clinic Success Rate and Certification Act of 1992 (FCSRCA). In accordance with this statute, the CDC has been tasked with developing a model certification program for assisted reproductive technologies (ART) embryo laboratories that are providing services to human fertility specialists in

the U.S. This model certification program is to be voluntarily implemented by States or by independent certifying agencies such as the College of American Pathologists (CAP) which are approved by the State. The model certification program is to include a set of quality standards for the performance of laboratory procedures, maintenance of records, qualifications of laboratory personnel, and criteria for the inspection and certification of embryo laboratories. Other than a General Accounting Office Survey conducted in 1988, no current survey of ART laboratory procedures and practices is available. The proposed information collection will use a paper survey to provide an enumeration of these ART laboratory procedures, equipment maintenance practices, and personnel qualifications. This information is required to finalize the development of the model certification program and also provide a baseline study for evaluating its impact and effectiveness.

The intended population is ART laboratory directors at all facilities with human embryo laboratories in the U.S. The estimated time for completion of this survey is expected to be approximately one hour per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, gather the relevant information, complete the form, and review the collected data. The total estimated cost to respondents is \$15,750.

#### Respondents:

##### ART Laboratory Directors:

No. of Respondents .....	300
No. of Responses/Respondent ....	1
Average Burden/Response (in hrs.) .....	1
Total Burden (hrs.) .....	300

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**Wilma G. Johnson,**

*Acting Associate Director for Policy Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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