

Volume Call-In (HVCI) network question on how to incorporate HVCI networks in the LNP scheme. Discussion of other issues involving implementation of LNP.

6. Wireline/Wireless Integration Task Force Update.

7. N11 Ad Hoc Committee initial work plan report on NANC Responsibilities under the First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, In the Matter of Use of the Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements, CC Docket 92-105, FCC 97-51.

8. Other Business.

9. Review of Decisions Reached and Action Items.

Federal Communications Commission.

Geraldine A. Matise,

Chief, Network Services Division Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

International Transport Group, Inc.,
1699 Wall Street, Suite 201, Mt.
Prospect, IL 60056, Officers: Eve'Lynn
Macella, President; Ken Kwaitkowski,
Exec. Vice President.

Reuy International Company, 239-45
66th Avenue, Douglaston, NY 11362,
Reuyling Chang Liu, Sole Proprietor.

All Destinations Shipping Company,
300 West Park Drive, #105, Miami, FL
33172, Officers: Alberto Alicandu,
President; Noemi Rodriguez-
Alicandu, Vice President.

Eastern International, 8411 Mobud,
Houston, TX 77036, Afsaneh Saei-
Oskoei, Sole Proprietor.

America's Custom Brokers, Inc., 2050
NW, 70th Avenue, Miami, FL 33122,
Officers: Jorge J. Sam, President;
Annette Sam, Vice President.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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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. 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 April 2, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *First Mariner Bancorp.*, Baltimore, Maryland; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Glen Burnie Bancorp., Glen Burnie, Maryland, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Glen Burnie, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

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

1. *Cumberland Bancorp., Inc.*, Carthage, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Mason, Mason, Tennessee.

2. *PAB Bankshares, Inc.*, Valdosta, Georgia; to merge with Investors

Financial Corporation, Bainbridge, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire Bainbridge National Bank, Bainbridge, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 3, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 2, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *HUBCO, Inc.*, Mahway, New Jersey; to acquire MSB Bank, Inc., Goshen, New York, and indirectly acquire MSB Bank, Goshen, New York, and thereby engage in operating a federally chartered savings bank, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y. MSB Bancorp, Inc., will merge with HUBCO, Inc., upon consummation.

2. *North Fork Bancorporation, Inc.*, Melville, New York; to acquire 9.9 percent of the voting shares of Long Island Bancorp, Inc., Melville, New York, and thereby indirectly acquire

Long Island Savings Bank F.S.B., Melville, New York, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Stichting Prioriteit ABN AMRO Holding*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Stichting Administratiekantoor ABN AMRO Holding, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ABN AMRO Holding N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and ABN AMRO North America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; to acquire indirectly through Integrion Financial Network LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, 15.38 percent of the voting shares of CheckFree Corporation, Norcross, Georgia, and thereby engage in providing data processing and data transmission services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of the Board's Regulation Y. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than March 24, 1998.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 3, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Stamp Program: Grants for Nutrition Education Projects

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of competitive grants for Food Stamp Nutrition Education Projects.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a new program of competitive grants mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. These grants will provide for collaborative efforts to integrate and coordinate nutrition education into health, social service and food distribution programs to reach large numbers of food stamp participants and other low-income households. This notice sets out the objectives for these grant projects, the eligibility criteria for the projects and applicants, and the application procedures.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before May 8, 1998. Applications received after May 8, 1998 will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: To obtain program grant application materials, and to submit completed applications, please contact the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Contract Management Branch, Room 914, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Attn: Suzanne A. Pastura.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Speshock, Food Stamp Program, at (703) 305-2410, or via Internet mail at ed_speshock@fcs.usda.gov.

Legislative Authority

Section 1004 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33) (BBA) amended Section 11(f) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, (the Act) 7 U.S.C. 2020(f), to require the Department of Agriculture (the Department) to make available up to \$600,000 in each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001 to pay the Federal share of collaborative grants to eligible private nonprofit organizations and State agencies. As required in Section 1004 the Department, in deciding between 2 or more eligible project proposals, shall give preference to a private nonprofit organization or state agency that conducted and received funding for a collaborative nutrition education project before August 5, 1997, the date of enactment of this authorization.

Description of Projects

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the Department will conduct a one-time competition for grants to support the development or the continuation of collaborative food stamp nutrition education projects. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11(f) of the Act, as amended by the BBA, the food stamp collaborative nutrition education projects should be designed to: (i) Meet the food needs of Food Stamp Program participants and other low-income households; (ii) increase the self-reliance of households in providing improved food preparation, safety, and budgeting skills; and (iii) promote comprehensive approaches to local food and nutrition education activities. Successful proposals will include objectives which describe how the collaborative nutrition education project will support the design and implementation of nutrition education efforts that reach large numbers of food assistance program recipients, foster the development or continuation of nutrition network resources to better integrate nutrition education services, and provide integrated nutrition education outside of traditional program-centered delivery systems. Proposals that focus their nutrition

education messages on topics that have relevance to large numbers of program recipients, such as healthful eating behavior or economical shopping practices are encouraged rather than narrowly focused topics of interest to small segments of the eligible population. Healthful eating practices are those that are described in the Fourth Edition (1995) of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by private nonprofit organizations and State agencies. To be eligible for a food stamp collaborative nutrition education grant, as mandated by Section 1004, private nonprofit organizations and State agencies must agree to: (1) Use the funds to direct collaborative efforts to coordinate and integrate nutrition education into health, nutrition, social service, and food distribution programs for food stamp participants and other low-income households; and (2) design the collaborative effort to reach large numbers of food stamp participants and other low-income households through a network of organizations including but not limited to schools, child care centers, farmers' markets, health clinics, and outpatient education services.

Applications must contain a description of how the grant funds will be used for the four years of the award. Each year of the grant, beginning with 1998, should be described as a discrete portion of the project's work with all four years contributing toward the goals and objectives as spelled out in the proposal. The authorizing legislation, in particular Section 11(f)(2)(C), requires FNS, in deciding between two or more private nonprofit organizations or State agencies that are eligible to receive a grant, to give preference to an organization or State agency that conducted and received funding for that collaborative effort from FNS prior to August 5, 1997.

Availability of Funds and Award Limitations

The total amount of funds available will not exceed \$600,000 in each fiscal year beginning in 1998 and ending in 2001 to pay the Federal share. The Federal share of each grant will not exceed \$200,000 for each fiscal year and will represent 50 percent of each grant. Grant awards will be made to successful proposals for four years beginning in fiscal year 1998 with subsequent year funding subject to the availability of Federal funds. The non-federal share of these projects must be in cash. Funding