

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 June 11, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston** (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Salisbury Bancorp, Inc.*, Lakeville, Connecticut; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, Lakeville, Connecticut.

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

1. *Travelers Group Inc.*, New York, New York (Travelers), to become a bank holding company by acquiring Citicorp, New York, New York, and thereby indirectly acquiring Citibank, N.A., New York, New York; Universal Bank, N.A., Columbus, Georgia; Citibank (New York State), Perinton, New York; Citicorp Holdings, Inc., New Castle, Delaware; Citibank Delaware, New Castle, Delaware; Citibank (Nevada), N.A., Las Vegas, Nevada; and Citibank (South Dakota), N.A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, Travelers would be renamed Citigroup Inc.. Travelers also may form one or more intermediate bank holding companies.

In connection with the proposed transaction, Travelers also has provided notice to acquire all of the nonbank subsidiaries of Citicorp and to engage, directly or indirectly through the nonbank subsidiaries of Travelers and Citicorp, in a variety of nonbanking activities that have been previously determined to be permissible for bank holding companies. These nonbanking activities and companies are described in the notice filed with the Board. They include the following: operating savings associations through Citibank, Federal Savings Bank, San Francisco, California, and Travelers Bank & Trust, F.S.B., Newark, Delaware, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation Y; operating industrial loan companies

through Universal Financial Corp., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Commercial Credit Corporation (Hawaii), Honolulu, Hawaii, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(i) of Regulation Y; and engaging in lending activities through The Travelers Bank USA, Newark, Delaware, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y. In addition, Travelers proposes to engage, directly or indirectly through any of its nonbank subsidiaries, in each of the other activities authorized for bank holding companies under 12 CFR 225.28(b), other than certain very limited exceptions, and in all activities that Citicorp currently is authorized by Board Order to conduct. Travelers also proposes to engage through Citicorp Securities, Inc., New York, New York, Salomon Brothers Inc., New York, New York, Smith Barney Inc., New York, New York, and The Robinson-Humphrey Company LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, in a limited amount of underwriting and dealing in all types of debt and equity securities (other than ownership interests in open-end investment companies), in accordance with previous Board decisions. In addition, Travelers proposes to engage, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, in certain other activities that the Board previously has approved by Order, including providing administrative services to open-end and closed-end investment companies, acting as a commodity pool operator, providing real estate title abstracting services, providing credit card authorization and lost or stolen credit card reporting services, transmitting money for U.S. customers to third parties located in foreign countries, issuing and selling drafts and wire transfers payable in foreign currencies, and cashing U.S. dollar payroll checks drawn on unaffiliated banks.

Travelers currently engages in and controls companies that engage in activities, or hold investments, that are not authorized for bank holding companies under section 4 of the BHC Act. These activities include certain insurance underwriting activities, insurance agency activities, commodities activities, investment activities, and other activities more fully described in the notice. Travelers proposes to conform each of these activities and investments to the requirements of the BHC Act, including by divestiture or by termination of such activities, within two years of becoming a bank holding company, or such longer period as the Board may grant, in accordance with the limitations and requirements of section 4(a)(2) of the BHC Act. Prior to consummation of the

proposed transaction, Travelers proposes to cease sponsoring, organizing, or distributing shares of any open-end investment company. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than June 16, 1998.

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

1. *Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.*, Springfield, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Great Southern Bank, Springfield, Missouri. Great Southern Bank currently operates as Great Southern Bank, F.S.B.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Great Southern Capital Management, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, and thereby engage in the activity of providing discount securities brokerage services and related investment advisory services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y.

**D. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *First National Bank at St. James ESOP*, St. James, Minnesota; to acquire an additional 1.64 percent, for a total of 24.23 percent, of the voting shares of First National Agency at St. James, St. James, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank at St. James, St. James, Minnesota.

2. *Freedom Bancshares, Inc.*, La Crosse, Wisconsin; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 80 percent of the voting shares of Park Bank, Holmen, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 12, 1998.

**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; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 98-10993) published on page 20410 of the issue for Friday, April 24, 1998.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of New York heading, the entry for K&Z Company LLC, Brooklyn, New York, is revised to read as follows:

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice

President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The K&Z Company LLC*, Brooklyn, New York; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 51 percent, but no more than 75 percent, of the voting shares of The Upstate National Bank, Rochester, New York (formerly known as The First National Bank of Lisbon, Rochester, New York).

Comments on this application must be received by May 21, 1998.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 12, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0118]

### Clearance Request Entitled Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness

**AGENCY:** Federal Vehicle Policy Division, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (3090-0118).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness.

**DATES:** Comment Due Date: July 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and to Majorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Moses, Federal Vehicle Policy Division (202) 501-2507.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0118, concerning Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness. This form is used by all

Federal agencies to report accident information involving U.S. Government vehicles.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 816; annual responses: 1; average hours per response: .20; burden hours: 272.

*Copy of Proposal:* A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

**Ida M. Ustad,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98066]

#### A Model Hearing Conservation Program for Coal Miners; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for a cooperative agreement program for A Model Hearing Conservation Program for Coal Miners. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Occupational Safety and Health.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the effectiveness of a model hearing conservation program (HCP) in the prevention of occupational noise-induced hearing loss among coal miners.

When the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, the predecessor to the present Federal Mine Health and Safety Act, was enacted, it was already recognized that the high noise levels generated by mining machines posed a serious threat to the health of miners. In 1976, NIOSH published the results of a cross-sectional survey of hearing levels which confirmed the severity of hearing loss among coal miners. The study found that over 70 percent of coal miners had a hearing impairment by the time they retired. In recognition of the extensive hearing loss among miners, regulations were adopted to limit the overexposure of miners to harmful noise, and a program of research to

develop engineering controls to reduce the noise levels of mining equipment was initiated. A recent analysis of a large audiometric data base on coal miners has revealed that the majority of coal miners are still losing their hearing. Over 90 percent of the miners who retired around 1990 had experienced a high frequency hearing loss. This finding can only be explained by the failure of the mining community to pursue a systematic plan of intervention over the last 20 years; such a plan would also have included a mechanism to continuously evaluate the impact of the intervention activities.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration is addressing this situation through new rulemaking. The proposed regulations would require that operators use engineering and administrative controls and provide audiometric tests when a miner's noise exposure exceeds the Permissible Exposure Limit. Although these new regulations can have a positive impact, the elimination of hearing loss as a disease among coal miners can only be realized through the collaborative efforts of labor, management, and government in adopting and supporting comprehensive HCP's.

This program is focused on designing a model HCP for coal miners which incorporates the best practices of well-run programs in other industries, implementing the program at a cooperating underground coal mine, and evaluating it over a 5-year period to demonstrate its efficacy in preventing hearing loss. An effective HCP should include the following critical elements: measurement of worker noise exposure and noise sources, intervention strategies to reduce noise exposures, periodic audiometric evaluations, educational and motivational programs, record keeping, and monitoring to assess effectiveness of program elements. Project results, in combination with other research, will support the implementation of HCP's by providing workshops and recommendations to the mining industry and preparing publications and recommendations to the scientific community.

##### B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal