

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 July 29, 1998.

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

1. *Patricia Lee Joseph*, Munster, Indiana; to acquire additional voting shares of First Bancshares, Inc., Highland, Indiana, and thereby indirectly acquire Centier Bank, Whiting, Indiana.

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

1. *David Lawrence Blaine*, Paducah, Kentucky; to acquire additional voting shares of Ballard Kevil Bancorp, Inc., Kevil, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire The Kevil Bank, Kevil, Kentucky.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Ronald F. Tanner*, Cornville, Arizona, and *Rex K. Alexander*, Tulsa, Oklahoma; to acquire voting shares of BOC Bankshares, Inc., Chouteau, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of Commerce, Chouteau, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 9, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

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. 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 August 7, 1998.

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

1. *Bodcaw Bancshares, Inc.*, Stamps, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bodcaw Bank, Stamps, Arkansas.

2. *Arvest Bank Group, Inc.*, Bentonville, Arkansas; to merge with Ameribank Corporation, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire United Oklahoma Bankshares, Inc., Del City, Oklahoma; American National Bank & Trust Company of Shawnee, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and United Bank, Del City, Oklahoma.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *First National Bank Group, Inc.*, Edinburg, Texas; to acquire 51 percent of the voting shares of Nueces National Bank, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Jennifer J. Johnson,

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 July 29, 1998.

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

1. *U.S.B Holding Co., Inc.*, Orangeburg, New York; to acquire Tappen Zee Financial, Inc., Tarrytown, New York, and thereby indirectly acquire Tarrytowns Bank, FSB, Tarrytown, New York, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 9, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Translation Advisory Committee for Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Translation Advisory Committee for Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs (TACDPCP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period. The charter will now expire June 15, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Vinicor, M.D., Executive Secretary, TACDPCP, CDC, 4770 Buford

Highway, NE, (M/S K-10), telephone 770-488-5000 or fax 770/488-5966.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee (HTMSAC) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period. The charter will now expire June 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Henry Falk, M.D., Executive Secretary, HTMSAC, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (M/S F-28), telephone 770-488-7300 or fax 770/488-7044.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement Number 99012]

Notice of Availability of Funds; Applied Research Program in Emerging Infections Novel Diagnostic Tests for Infections of Public Health Significance

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for competitive grants and/or cooperative agreements to support applied research on emerging infections. This announcement addresses the development of novel diagnostic tests for infections of public health significance.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section **WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**)

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)].

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Pub. L. 103-227, the Pro-Children's Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day-care, health-care and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private organizations, including State and local governments or their bona fide agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations.

Only one application will be accepted from any single applicant, organization, government, or agency in each focus area.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$500,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund two to three awards, ranging from \$160,000 to \$250,000. It is expected the awards will begin on or about February 1, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. (The funding amounts listed above are for the first 12-month budget period and include both direct and indirect costs.) The funding estimate is subject to change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and availability of funds.

Specifically, applications are solicited for projects addressing any of the following three areas:

1. Diagnostic Tests of High Sensitivity and Specificity for Use in Clinical Settings

The objective is to encourage the development of highly sensitive and specific diagnostic tests for infectious disease agents of high public health significance for which such tests are not currently available.

2. Development and Evaluation of Improved Tests for Malaria Diagnosis in the U.S.

The objective is to develop and evaluate a malaria diagnostic test that does not require microscopic examination of blood smears and: (a) is at least as sensitive as microscopy (4 parasites per ul. of blood); (b) can detect all 4 known species of human malaria parasites; (c) has a specificity of at least 95 percent; (d) is simple to perform; and (e) can provide results in less than 1 hour.

3. Diagnostic Tests for Field Use

The objective is to encourage the development of field tests for infectious disease agents of high public health significance. Attributes sought in these field tests are: low cost; use with noninvasive or easy to collect specimens; short time-to-result; stable reagents; minimum risks to technicians; sensitivity and specificity appropriate for setting.

Applicants may submit separate applications for projects in one or more of the three focus areas. (See Application Process Section, Application Content area, for detailed instructions.)

Determination of Which Instrument to Use

Applicants must specify the type of award for which they are applying, either grant or cooperative agreement. CDC will review the applications in accordance with the evaluation criteria. Before issuing awards, CDC will determine whether a grant or cooperative agreement is the appropriate instrument based upon the need for substantial CDC involvement in the project. To assist applicants in making a determination as to which type of award to apply for, the following information is provided:

1. Research Project Grants

A research project grant is one in which substantial programmatic involvement by CDC is not anticipated by the recipient during the project period. Applicants for grants must demonstrate an ability to conduct the proposed research with minimal assistance, other than financial support,