

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Renewal of an Information Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed renewal of an information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Thomas Nixon, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Mark Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Nixon, (202) 898-8766, or at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form.

OMB Number: 3064-0026.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: State chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve system and their direct subsidiaries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6 initial registrations; 12 amendments.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25 hours per initial registration; .75 hours per amendment.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 16.5 hours.

General Description of Collection: Under section 17A(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, it is

unlawful for any transfer agent to perform any transfer agent function with respect to any qualifying security unless that transfer agent is registered with its appropriate regulatory agency. Pursuant to section 17A(c)(2), before an insured nonmember bank and its direct subsidiaries may perform any transfer agent function for a qualifying security, it must register on Form TA-1 with the FDIC and its registration must become effective.

Request for Comment

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

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated in Washington, DC, this 13th day of April, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive 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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 May 10, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Mountain Home Bancshares, Inc.*, Mountain Home, Arkansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Pocahontas Bankstock, Inc., Pocahontas, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 12, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary**

[Document Identifier: OS-0990-New]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden

estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Assessment Study of the Uses of HealthierUS and Healthy People 2010; *Form/OMB No.:* OS-0990-New;

Use: The goal of this assessment is to create a comprehensive picture of how and by whom, the Federal health promotion and disease prevention initiatives, HealthierUS and Healthy People 2010 contribute to State or local disease prevention and health promotion planning. *Frequency:* Recordkeeping; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal governments; *Annual Number of Respondents:* 300; *Total Annual Responses:* 300; *Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,280.75.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to naomi.cook@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer at the address below:

OMB Desk Officer: Brenda Aguilar,
OMB Human Resources and Housing
Branch, Attention: (OMB #0990-NEW),
New Executive Office Building, Room
10235, Washington, DC 20201.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

Robert E. Polson,

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction
Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Centers for Genomics and Public Health

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Opportunity Number: 04143.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 93.061.

Key Dates:

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 17,
2004.

Application Deadline: June 15, 2004.

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

I.1 Authority

This program is authorized under section 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(2)), as amended.

I.2 Background

The wealth of information generated by the recently completed Human Genome Project has captivated both the scientific community and the public, and created an expectation that this knowledge will yield future health benefits. As a result, there is an emerging need to discover what human genome variation means for health and disease in populations. How can research results be translated into opportunities to improve the public's health? How can genomic information

be used to prevent, detect and treat disease? How will the health workforce acquire the knowledge and skills needed to support the integration of genomics into health practice and programs?

In response to these needs, the Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention (OGDP) in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Public Health has funded cooperative agreements with three Schools of Public Health to establish the first Centers for Genomics and Public Health in 2001 (www.cdc.gov/genomics/activities/fund2001.htm). The goal for the initial three-year project period was to establish regional hubs of expertise in genomics and population health by coordinating existing institutional programs at the schools of public health and then reaching out to engage public health programs, health care providers and community groups. These partnerships provide a foundation for a national network of resource centers that could develop the capacity required to respond to future needs and opportunities related to genomics. In the original cooperative agreement, activities were focused in three areas: (1) Increasing the knowledge base in genomics and public health; (2) providing technical assistance to community, state, and regional organizations related to the integration of genomics into public health policy and programs; and (3) developing and providing training for the existing and future health workforce, with a particular focus on enhancing knowledge and awareness of genomics applications among public health workers.

I.3 Purpose

Since the initial funding of the Centers, the potential impact of genomics on health practice and the health workforce has been widely acknowledged. The 2002 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report entitled "Who Will Keep the Public Healthy?" ranked genomics as one of eight content areas to be included in public health education programs (<http://www.iom.edu/file.asp?id=4166>). Likewise, the CDC has identified genomics as an agency priority, citing the need to assess the impact of genomic variation on population health and to incorporate genomics into public health programs and practice (Comments of Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC Director, Genomics and the Future of Public Health Symposium, Atlanta, GA, May 5, 2003).

The purpose of Program Announcement 04143, Centers for