

1. *TB&C Bancshares, Inc., and Synovus Financial Corporation* (Applicant), both of Columbus, Georgia; to acquire, through its subsidiary Total System Services, Inc., Columbus, Georgia, 50 percent of the voting shares of Vital Processing Services, Inc., Columbus, Georgia (Company), a joint venture, and thereby engage in certain data processing activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y. In particular, Company would provide merchant card processing services to financial institutions and their merchant customers. A subsidiary of VISA U.S.A., Inc., San Francisco, California, would own the remaining 50 percent of the voting shares of Company.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 12, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made final findings of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Cathy Q. Lee, Massachusetts General Hospital: On February 28, 1996, ORI found that Cathy Q. Lee, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital, committed scientific misconduct by engaging in falsification and fabrication of research data incorporated in a manuscript prepared for submission (but not submitted) to the EMBO Journal (Lee, C.Q., Yun, Y., and Habener, J.F. "Transactivation of functions of cAMP-

responsive transcription factor CREB-327 mediated by amphiphatic helical domains flanking the requisite serine-119 phosphorylated by protein kinase-A.") and by engaging in improper data selection and falsification of data published in the EMBO Journal (Lee, C.Q., Yun, Y., Hoeffler, J.P., and Habener, J.F. "Cyclic-AMP responsive transcriptional activation of CREB-327 involves interdependent phosphorylated subdomains." EMBO Journal 9:4455-4465, 1990.). This research was supported by a Public Health Service grant.

Dr. Lee has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in settlement of ORI's finding of scientific misconduct and has agreed:

(1) To exclude herself voluntarily from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, Federal nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government, as defined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76 and 48 C.F.R. Subparts 9.4 and 309.4 (Debarment Regulations) for a period of two (2) years beginning on February 28, 1996; the above voluntary exclusion, however, shall not apply to Dr. Lee's future clinical laboratory training or practice, unless that training or practice involves research or research training;

(2) That for a period of one (1) year beginning immediately after the two (2) year voluntary exclusion above, any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the Respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the Respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research, must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of the Respondent's duties; the supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the Respondent's research contribution, and the institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI; and

(3) To exclude herself voluntarily from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant for a period of three (3) years beginning on February 28, 1996.

A letter retracting the article entitled "Cyclic-AMP responsive transcriptional activation of CREB-327 involves interdependent phosphorylated subdomains" (EMBO Journal 9:4455-4465, 1990) has been published in the EMBO Journal (EMBO Journal 13:2736, 1994).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852.

Lyle W. Bivens,

Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Proposed Project(s)

Title: Annual Survey of Refugees.

OMB No.: 0970-0033.

Description: The Questionnaire for the Annual Survey of Refugees collects information on the economic circumstances of a random sample of refugees and entrants who arrived in the U.S. during the previous five years, especially their employment, labor force participation and welfare utilization rates. From their responses, ORR reports on the economic adjustment of refugees for use by Congress and program managers in determining the future direction of the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Respondents: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Estimates:

| Instrument | No. of respondents | No. of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| ORR-9 | 1,800 | 1 | .75 | 1,350 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,350.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the

information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, SW., Washington DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

In addition, requests of copies may be made and comments forwarded to the Reports Clearance Officer over the Internet by sending a message to rkatson@acf.dhhs.gov. Internet messages

must be submitted as an ASCII file without special characters or encryption.

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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: March 12, 1996.
 Roberta Katson,
Director, Division of Information Resource Management Services.
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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Proposed Project(s)

Title: Quarterly Report of IV-F Expenditures Uniform Reporting Requirements.

OMB No.: 0970-0116.

Description: The ACF-332 report will be used by States to report IV-F expenditures by component and activity on a quarterly basis. The data are used by personnel in the Administration for Children and Families, the Department (DHHS), and other Federal Personnel responsible for the formulation of JOBS program and budget policy.

Respondents: State governments.

Annual Burden Estimates:

| Instrument | No. of re-spond-ents | No. of re-sponses per repondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| ACF-115 | 54 | 4 | 35 | 7,560 |

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,560.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

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Dated: March 12, 1996.
 Roberta Katson,
Director, Division of Information Resource Management Services.
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[Program Announcement No. OCS 96-06]

Fiscal Year 1996 Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Funds Program; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications under the Office of Community Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Funds Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services (OCS) announces its Family Violence Prevention and Services discretionary funds program for fiscal year (FY) 1996. Funding for grants under this announcement is authorized by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, Public Law 102-295, as amended, governing discretionary programs for family violence prevention and services. Applicants should note that the award of grants and cooperative agreements under this program

announcement is subject to the availability of funds. This announcement contains all forms and instructions for submitting an application.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is May 17, 1996. Applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be mailed to Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families/Division of Discretionary Grants, (OCS-96-06), 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Mail Stop 6C-462, Washington, D.C. 20447

Hand delivered applications are accepted during the normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on or prior to the established closing date at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants ACF Mailroom, 2nd Floor Loading Dock, Aerospace Center 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20447, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of State Assistance, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, D.C. 20447. Telephone Trudy Hairston, (202) 401-5319, Al Britt, (202) 401-5453, or William Riley (202) 401-5529.