

Emergency Assistance Act provides for the award of grants to assist in the repair and reconstruction of community infrastructure. With the help of State and community officials, FEMA has investigated how the system for awarding grants should be amended to deliver the grants more efficiently and effectively to eligible applicants. However, before formally changing the award system, the proposed changes will be field tested in selected disasters occurring on or after March 1, 1998, to determine whether the proposed amendments to the system achieve their intended results and to determine whether additional refinements are necessary. The field tests will be conducted with the agreement of the affected State(s). In the field tests, the proposed processing changed will be substituted for existing public assistance grant processing procedures.

The primary amendments to the currently established system of grant delivery include:

1. The award of up to 50% of the estimated costs of the emergency work (currently known as Categories A and B) as soon as the amount can be estimated. Full payment of eligible costs will follow normal settlement procedures;

2. Permanent work (currently known as Categories C, D, E, F, and G) on projects of large size may be estimated using a formal, professionally developed cost estimating methodology that will provide all parties with a close estimate of total allowable costs for the eligible work. Final settlement will follow normal settlement procedures;

3. Consolidation of information related to each applicant;

4. Ready access for applicants and States to information relevant to grant application;

5. Assignment of an experienced senior official to each applicant to guide and promote the expeditious processing of the grant request;

6. Current, rather than sequential, processing of special reviews (e.g., reviews for purposes of future disaster mitigation, insurance, and compliance with applicable statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act);

7. Provision for the informal resolution of disagreements;

8. A streamlining change in the review process that will include random validation of all small projects; and

9. The development of estimates by project through local/State/Federal partnerships, rather than multiple Damage Survey Reports by site.

Testing of application and data collection instruments, and training and

certification of the staff implementing the amended system, will be concurrent with the field test(s). The proposed changes in the processing system do not constitute a change in benefits under the law or regulation.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at 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 February 19, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *JCE/CBI, Ltd.*, Baytown, Texas; to acquire voting shares of Citizens Bankers, Inc., Baytown, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bankers of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware; Baytown State Bank, Baytown, Texas; Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Baytown, Baytown, Texas; and Pasadena State Bank, Pasadena, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 30, 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

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 March 2, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *BCB Financial Services Corporation*, Reading, Pennsylvania; to merge with Heritage Bancorp, Inc., Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and thereby indirectly acquire Heritage National Bank, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and Berks County Bank, Reading, Pennsylvania.

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

1. *PSB BancGroup, Inc.*, Lake City, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Peoples State Bank (in organization), Lake City, Florida.

2. *Regions Financial Corporation*, Birmingham, Alabama; to merge with First State Corporation, Albany, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire First State Bank & Trust Company, Albany, Georgia, and First State Bank & Trust Company, Cordele, Georgia.

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

1. *National City Bancshares, Inc.*, Evansville, Indiana; to merge with Illinois One Bancorp, Inc.,

Shawneetown, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Illinois One Bank, N.A., Shawneetown, Illinois.

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**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 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 February 19, 1998.

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

**1. DeWitt First Bankshares Corporation,** DeWitt, Arkansas; to engage *de novo* in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 30, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

*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 for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Wilma Johnson, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

### Proposed Projects

#### 1. *A Longitudinal Study of Lead Poisoning from the Maternal Infant Relationship Through Early Childhood—New—*

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is mandated pursuant to the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and its 1986 Amendments, The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment. Lead exposure has been associated with negative pregnancy outcomes in humans, including low

birth weight, spontaneous abortion, congenital malformation, and various neurological effects in newborns and young children. The level of lead considered to be toxic has been lowered over the years by major research groups, organizations, and agencies. While lead has been shown to affect all organs, the brain or nervous system seems to be the most sensitive to lead toxicity, especially in young children. Blood lead levels as low as 10 µg/dL have been shown to result in delayed cognitive development, reduced IQ scores, and impaired hearing.

This study, originally approved by OMB in 1995, examines the long-term effects of low and marginal toxic blood lead levels in neonates and preschool African-American children in the Atlanta area. This study is divided into two components, (i) Prevalence of lead exposure in children of preschool age and (ii) longitudinal health effects of low and marginal lead exposure. These studies are conducted concurrently.

The primary focus of the prevalence study is the evaluation of the relationship between socio-economic status, elemental blood lead levels within the home environment, and blood lead levels of preschool aged children. The objective of the longitudinal study is the evaluation of the relationship between lead levels found in maternal and cord blood and adverse health effects in the infant, including deficits in behavioral, cognitive and physical development. To correlate cognitive and behavioral development with varying blood lead levels, each newborn is to undergo a series of psychometric testing at birth, then again at 6 months, 1, and 2 years of age. Evaluations of physician development will be conducted by reviewing the medical records of each newborn within the first year after birth.

This request is for a 3-year extension of the current OMB approval; however we are requesting a new OMB authority (and number) as the old number (0923-0015) will now apply only to the Substance Specific Applied Research Program (AMHPS) [King/Drew Lead Study in-Person Interview, Lead and Hypertension Screening Questionnaire/ Risk Factor Questionnaire]. The requests for OMB approval for the two studies has been separated, with the King/Drew investigation retaining the old OMB number (0923-0015).