

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.

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 September 27, 1999.

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

1. *First Bancshares, Inc.*, Kansas City, Kansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Lawrence Bank, Lawrence, Kansas, a de novo bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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. 99-22471) published on pages 47191-47192 of the issue for Monday, August 30, 1999.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston heading, the entry for The Royal bank of Scotland Group plc, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, and RBSG International Holdings Limited, all of Edinburgh, Scotland, is revised to read as follows:

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

1. *RBSG International Holdings Limited*, Edinburgh, Scotland; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Citizens Financial Group, Providence, Rhode Island, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bank Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island, Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, Citizens Bank New Hampshire, Manchester, New Hampshire, and Citizens Bank of Connecticut, New London, Connecticut.

In connection with this application, RBSG International Holdings Limited, Edinburgh, Scotland, also has applied to

acquire Citizens Capital, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in mezzanine financing, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y, and NYCE Corporation, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, and thereby engage in data processing and check verification services, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(14) and (b)(2) of Regulation Y, respectively. RDSG International Holdings Limited, will be a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, both of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Comments on this application must be received by September 24, 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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 September 17, 1999.

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

1. *UBS AG*, Zurich, Switzerland; to retain 21.56 percent of the voting shares

of TP Group Limited, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies, and Tradepoint Financial Networks plc, London, England, and thereby engage in securities brokerage services and other agency transactional services for customer investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 99-19948) published on pages 42379-42380 of the issue for Wednesday, August 4, 1999.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco heading, the entry for Umpqua Holdings Corporation, Roseburg, Oregon, is revised to read as follows:

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Umpqua Holdings Corporation*, Roseburg, Oregon; to acquire all the voting shares of Strand, Atkinson, Williams and York, Inc., Portland, Oregon, and thereby engage, to a limited extent, in underwriting and dealing in commercial paper, municipal revenue bonds, mortgage-related securities, and consumer-receivable related securities, *see Citicorp, et al.*, 73 Fed. Res. Bull. 473 (1987); managing, servicing, and collecting assets, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(2)(vi) of Regulation Y; performing functions or activities that may be performed by a trust company, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y; acting as investment or financial advisor, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y; providing securities brokerage, "riskless principal," and private placement services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i)-(iii); underwriting and dealing in obligations of the United States, general obligations of states and their political subdivisions, and other obligations that state member banks of the Federal Reserve System may underwrite and deal in under 12 U.S.C. 24 and 335, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(i) of Regulation Y; and providing employee benefits consulting services,

pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Comments on this application must be received by September 17, 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of Establishment

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces the establishment by the Secretary of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports.

The Panel shall review the assumptions and methods underlying the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund annual reports. The panel's review shall include the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (e.g., utilization rates, medical price increases).
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections).
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI.
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel shall terminate on August 12, 2001, unless the Secretary, DHHS, formally determines that continuance is in the public interest.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Margaret A. Hamburg,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Public Health and Science; Announcement of Availability of Grant for Family Planning General Training

AGENCY: Office of Family Planning, OPA, OPHS, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Family Planning (OFP) of the Office of Population Affairs

(OPA) requests applications for a grant under the Family Planning Service Training Program authorized under section 1003 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Funds are available to provide training, with a specific focus on male reproductive health, for personnel in OFP-funded family planning services projects. It is anticipated that one grantee will be funded to serve as the training site.

DATES: To receive consideration, applications must be received by the Office of Grants Management, Office of Population Affairs no later than October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from and applications must be submitted to the Grants Management Office, Office of Population Affairs, 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program Requirements: George Jones, Office of Family Planning, OPA, (301) 594-4014.

Administrative and Budgetary Requirements: Andrea Brandon, Office of Grants Management, OPA, (301) 594-6554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title X of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for projects to provide training for family planning service personnel. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 93.260). This notice announces the availability of approximately \$450,000-\$475,000 in funding and solicits applications for one training project which will provide training for personnel providing family planning/reproductive health-related information and services specifically targeted to males served by family planning agencies throughout the United States.

Statutory and Regulatory Background:

Title X of the PHS Act, enacted by Pub. L. 91-572, authorizes programs related to family planning. The family planning services program authorized by section 1001 of Title X is required by law to provide family planning services, including education and counseling, to all persons desiring such services. Section 1003 of the Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to make grants to entities to provide training for personnel to carry out the family planning service programs authorized by section 1001. Implementing regulations for family planning services training appear at 42 CFR part 59, subpart C. Prospective applicants should refer to the regulations in their entirety.

Purpose of the Grant

Within the last several years, Federal and provide sector programs have begun to focus more attention on male involvement in family planning and reproductive health-related issues, as evidenced by the President's Fatherhood Initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services' National Strategy to Reduce Teen Pregnancy, the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Research has shown that males are both interested in and want to play an active role in reproductive health decision-making, and that males will participate in reproductive health programs if they are offered in an appropriate manner. Recognizing the need for increased emphasis on male family planning/reproductive health services, in 1997 the Office of Family Planning began funding a number of community-based organizations to encourage the investigation and development of approaches that facilitate the provision of family planning/reproductive health-related information and services to males, and approaches that involve males in building community support for the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Currently, many of these projects are funded under section 1001 of the Act, as part of existing services projects funded under section 1001.

While it is now recognized that addressing male reproductive health needs is important, there is currently little in the published literature about the standard for providing reproductive health services for males. Most of what is currently known about male reproductive health and reproductive behavior has come from either small studies or from a few national surveys that were conducted on a one-time basis. Our current understanding about what types of communication are most effective in providing training to males and male-oriented organizations around issues of family planning/reproductive health is also severely limited.

There are a number of research efforts that are recent or are currently under way that will help us gain a clearer understanding of male sexual and reproductive behaviors and attitudes. This will aid us in identifying reproductive health care service standards and strategies for effectively providing services to males. An ongoing national survey, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) collects some data on sexual behavior—among other health risk behaviors—for