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Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of Draft Strategic Plan and Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation/Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Strategic Plan and request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Department of Energy's draft Strategic Plan. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that federal agencies update their Strategic Plans every three years and, in doing so, solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. Therefore, the Department is interested in receiving comments on our draft Strategic Plan.

DATES: Comments are due by September 11, 2003. If comments are received late, we will consider them to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: The draft Strategic Plan is available on the Department's homepage at <http://www.doe.gov>. You can provide your comments on-line directly through the Web site or by e-mail to StrategicPlan@hq.doe.gov. You can also

send written comments or requests for a hard copy of the plan to: Dr. William G. Kennedy, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation, ME-20, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Kennedy at (202) 586-0423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) was established in October 1977. Twenty-five years later, DOE has a budget of \$23.4 billion, operates 24 research laboratories and facilities, four power administrations, employs 14,500 federal and 100,000 contractor employees, and manages the environmental cleanup from 50 years of nuclear defense activities that impacted two million acres in communities across the country. The Department has amassed tremendous scientific and technical capabilities serving America in ways never anticipated 25 years ago. Those capabilities will be applied to our overarching mission of ensuring the national security.

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requires that each federal agency update their strategic plan every three years, 5 U.S.C. 306, and submit their plan to the Congress. This draft Strategic Plan describes our mission, our strategic goals and strategies to achieve those goals over the next 20 years.

Public Participation Policy

It is the policy of the Department to ensure that public participation is an integral and effective part of DOE activities and that decisions are made with the benefit of significant public perspectives.

The Department recognizes the many benefits to be derived from public participation for both stakeholders and DOE. Public participation provides a means for DOE to gather a diverse collection of opinions, perspectives, and values from the broadest spectrum of the public, enabling the Department to make more informed decisions. Public participation benefits stakeholders by creating an opportunity to provide input on decisions that affect their communities and our nation.

We anticipate publishing the final Strategic Plan in October 2003 and making it available on the Internet at that time.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 6, 2003.

James T. Campbell,

Acting Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation/Acting Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Department of Energy's Fleet Alternative Fueled Vehicle Acquisition

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Department of Energy's Annual Report on its Alternative Fueled Vehicle Acquisitions for Fiscal Year 2002.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 13149, this notice announces the availability of the 2002 report which summarizes the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the annual alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirement for its vehicle fleet. Additionally, this report includes data concerning DOE's efforts to reduce petroleum consumption.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies, EE-2G, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shabnam Fardanesh on (202) 586-7011 or shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) (EPAct) as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388) and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000) require Federal fleets to make 75 percent of their new covered vehicle acquisitions alternative fueled vehicles, beginning in fiscal year 1999. In fiscal year 2002, 83 percent of the covered vehicles DOE acquired were alternative fueled vehicles, exceeding the 75 percent requirement by eight percent. DOE also exceeded its alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements in fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, and expects a similarly high level of compliance for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218, DOE and other covered agencies are required annually to submit to Congress reports

on their alternative fueled vehicle acquisitions. These reports must also be placed on a publicly available Web site and a notice of their availability, including the Web site address, must be published in the **Federal Register**.

The DOE report for fiscal year 2002 may be accessed on the Vehicle Technology's Federal Fleet Web site at http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact/fed_fleet_prog.shtml.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2003.

David K. Garman,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on August 14, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. Approval of Minutes

July 10, 2003 (Open)

B. Reports

- Strategic Plan—Second Quarter Goal Status Report
- Financial Institution Rating System (FIRS)—Management Discussion
- Loan Underwriting Standards

C. New Business—Regulation

- Young, Beginning, and Small (YBS) Farmers and Ranchers—Proposed Rule

Closed Session*

New Business

- The Baker-Botts Review of Freddie Mac and Related Issues
- FCS Building Association Audit

*Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

Dated: August 8, 2003.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration 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 (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 September 5, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Wintrust Financial Corporation*, Lake Forest, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of

Advantage National Bancorp, Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Advantage National Bank, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 7, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

ACTION: Request for nominations of candidates to serve on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is soliciting nominations for possible membership on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the CDC, regarding the most appropriate application of antigens and related agents for effective communicable disease control in the civilian population. The committee reviews and reports regularly on immunization practices and recommends improvements in the national immunization efforts.

The committee also establishes, reviews, and as appropriate, revises the list of vaccines for administration to children eligible to receive vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Nominations are being sought for individuals who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the committee's objectives. Nominees will be selected based upon expertise in the field of immunization practices; multi-disciplinary expertise in public health; expertise in the use of vaccines and immunologic agents in both clinical and preventive medicine; knowledge of vaccine development, evaluation, and vaccine delivery; or knowledge about consumer perspectives and/or social and community aspects of immunization programs. Federal