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Secretary of the Board.

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National Bancshares Corporation of Texas; Formation of, Acquisition by, or Merger of Bank Holding Companies

The company listed in this notice has applied for the Board's approval under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842) and § 225.14 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.14) to become a bank holding company or to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in section 3(c) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

The application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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 application or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute and summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Comments regarding this application must be received not later than March 1, 1996.

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

1. National Bancshares Corporation of Texas, Laredo, Texas; to acquire 20 percent of the voting shares of Corpus Christi Bancshares, Corpus Christi, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizen State Bank, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement 613]

State and Community-based Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1996

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds in fiscal year (FY) 1996 for new and competing continuation State and community-based childhood lead poisoning prevention programs, and to build Statewide capacity to conduct surveillance of blood lead levels in children.

State and community-based programs must (1) assure that children in communities with demonstrated high-risk for lead poisoning are screened, (2) identify those children with elevated blood lead levels, (3) identify possible sources of lead exposure, (4) monitor medical and environmental management of lead poisoned children, (5) provide information on childhood lead poisoning and its prevention and management to the public, health professionals, and policy- and decision-makers, (6) encourage and support community-based programs directed to the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning, and (7) build capacity for conducting surveillance of elevated blood lead (PbB) levels in children.

Surveillance grants are to develop and implement complete surveillance systems for blood lead levels in children to ensure appropriate targeting of interventions and track progress in the elimination of childhood lead poisoning.

Applicants may apply for either a prevention program grant or a surveillance grant, but not both. Applicants from State health agencies applying for prevention program grant funds must address surveillance issues in their application.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Environmental Health. (To order a copy of Healthy People 2000, see Where to Obtain Additional Information section.)

Authority

This program is authorized under sections 301(a) (42 U.S.C. 241(a)), 317A, and 317B (42 U.S.C. 247b-1, 247b-3) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. Program regulations are set forth in Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51b.

Smoke-Free Workplace

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Environmental Justice Initiative

Activities conducted under this announcement should be consistent with the Federal Executive Order No. 12898 entitled, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." Grantees, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, shall make achieving environmental justice part of its program's mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of lead on minority populations and low-income populations.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for State childhood lead prevention programs and surveillance programs are State health departments or other State health agencies or departments deemed most appropriate by the State to direct and coordinate the State's childhood lead poisoning prevention program, and agencies or units of local government that serve jurisdictional populations greater than 500,000. This eligibility includes health departments or other official organizational authority (agency or instrumentality) of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. Also eligible are federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

Applicants for prevention program grants from eligible units of local jurisdiction must elect either to apply directly to CDC as a grantee, or to apply as part of a statewide grant application. Local jurisdictions cannot submit applications simultaneously through both mechanisms.