

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:**  
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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
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*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