

the voting shares of The Safety Fund Corporation, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire Safety Fund National Bank, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *Macon Bancorp*, Franklin, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Macon Savings Bank, SSB, Franklin, North Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 19, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) 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. Once the notice 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 on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of

fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

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 April 9, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Boatmen's Bancshares, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri; to engage *de novo* through its proposed subsidiary, BIS, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, in insurance agency activities, which include the sales and servicing of personal lines (including but not limited to home, auto, health and general liability insurance), commercial lines of insurance, life insurance, health insurance and various bonding products, pursuant to § 225.23(b)(8)(iv) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout Iowa, in each of the states surrounding Iowa, and in any other state in which insurance agency activities were conducted by the Marengo Agency, Des Moines, Iowa (a subsidiary of Boatmen's Bank Iowa, N.A., Des Moines, Iowa), on May 1, 1982.

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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. The HIV Epidemic in Small Cities and Rural Areas of the South—New—The HIV epidemic is increasingly spreading to small cities and rural areas of the South where little is known about the epidemic. Unlike other regions in the U.S., AIDS in the future is likely to be particularly severe in the South because STDs remain at epidemic levels in women and minorities in southern rural areas. Because funding is based on place of residence at diagnosis and because many patients with AIDS live in large metropolitan areas at diagnosis and then move to smaller cities and rural areas, resources may not be adequate for these patients after moving.

HIV-infected persons living in small cities and rural areas of the South will be interviewed to learn more about the circumstances of how they became infected and to determine what HIV-related health care services and prevention messages have been available to them before and after they became infected. Specific objectives include to: (1) Describe the demographics and modes of HIV transmission, (2) describe and compare high risk behaviors before and after being aware of their HIV infection, (3) determine in HIV-infected persons with a history of a sexually transmitted disease, the HIV/STD prevention services and messages that were offered when they were diagnosed with an STD at the visited health care sites, (4) determine the reasons for being HIV tested and the site and location of the HIV counseling and testing when the person first became HIV-positive and to describe the content of the counseling, (5) describe and compare HIV-related barriers to health care that HIV-infected persons have experienced in small MSAs and rural areas, (6) describe and compare characteristics of persons who acquired HIV infection in the area of current residence versus those who