

(12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing 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, 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 July 5, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (James M. Lyon, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Independent Bancshares, Inc.*, Clarkfield, Minnesota, a *de novo* bank; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Granite Holding Corporation, Granite Falls, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire Granite Falls Bank, Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 4, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (EDT) June 17, 1996.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 1996, Board meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs (202) 942-1640.

Dated: June 5, 1996.

Roger W. Mehle,

Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Temporary Grant Regulations

AGENCY: Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board.

SUMMARY: The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) Board of Directors (hereafter referenced as the CLPEF Board), authorized as part of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-388, enacted on August 10, 1988, hereafter referenced as "the Civil Liberties Act"), is issuing this Notice of Temporary Grant Regulations for its research and educational grant program. This Federal Register announcement includes Supplemental Information and Proposed Criteria for such grants. Consistent with the Civil Liberties Act, the CLPEF Board has adopted the following mission statement:

To sponsor research and public educational activities and to publish and distribute the hearings, findings, and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation, and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 1996, to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments and inquiries can be sent to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board c/o U.S. General Services Administration, Attn: Calvin R. Snowden, 7th and D Streets, S.W. Room 7120, Washington, DC 20407. Tel: (202) 708-5702, FAX: (202) 708-4769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Based on the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), the purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-388 enacted August 10, 1988) include, in part: (1) To acknowledge the fundamental injustice of the evacuation, relocation and internment of the United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry during World War II; (2) to apologize on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation, internment and relocation of such citizens and permanent resident aliens; (3) to provide for a public education fund to finance efforts to inform the public about the internment so as to prevent the recurrence of any similar event; (4) to make restitution to

those individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned; (5) to discourage the occurrence of similar injustices and violations of civil liberties in the future; and (6) to make more credible and sincere any declaration of concern by the United States over violations of human rights committed by other nations. In addition to provisions for individuals restitution and other remedial actions, the Civil Liberties Act provides for the establishment of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) and the CLPEF Board of Directors.

Proposed Criteria

The CLPEF Board will evaluate grant proposals utilizing the following general criteria. This listing is not in priority order.

(1) Projects must be consistent with the stated intent and purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the mission of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) Board.

(2) Applicants must have and demonstrate the capability to administer and complete proposed project within specified timelines and comply with CLPEF Board policies and other applicable federal requirements.

(3) Applicants must have the experience, knowledge and qualifications to conduct quality educational and/or research activities related to the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans.

(4) Projects should be designed to maximize the long-term educational, research and community development impact of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

(5) Projects should build upon, contribute to and expend the existing body of educational and research materials on the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans during World War II.

(6) Projects should include the variety of experiences of the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans during World War II.

(7) Projects should link the Japanese American exclusion and detention experience with the experiences of other populations so that the causes, circumstances, lessons, and contemporary applications of this and similar events will be illuminated and understood.

(8) Applicants are encouraged to involve former detainees, those excluded from the military areas, and their descendants in the development and execution of projects.

(9) Applicants are encouraged to develop a national strategy and plan for raising the level of awareness and understanding among the American