

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 24, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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Notice of Proposal to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities.

Norwest Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has given notice pursuant to section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 USC 1843(c)(8)) (BHC Act) and section 225.23 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23), to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Information Services, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, in a joint venture with the Boulder Area Board of Realtors, Inc., Boulder, Colorado, and the Longmont Association of Realtors, Inc., Longmont, Colorado, in providing data processing services for a real estate database (Company). The real estate information services database would include real estate/property records, which identify each parcel of real property for all counties within Colorado, and contain information on the improvements made on the parcel, its current ownership, legal description, tax assessment, and other information. Company also would provide related services by owning and operating an on-line computer system capable of storing data necessary for a public and private real estate/property records database and by retrieving information from the database in an electrical impulse form or hard copy form. Company proposes to conduct these activities throughout Colorado.

Section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act provides that a bank holding company may, with Board approval, engage in any activity "which the Board after due notice and opportunity for hearing has determined (by order or regulation) to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto . . ." 12 USC 1843(c)(8). In publishing the proposal for comment, the Board does not take a position on issues raised by the proposal. Notice of the proposal is published solely in order to seek the views of interested persons on the issues presented by the notice, and does not represent a determination by the Board that the proposal meets or is likely to meet the standards of the BHC Act.

Any comments or requests for hearing should be submitted in writing and received by William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551, no later than July 17, 1996.

Any request for a hearing on this proposal must, as required by section 262.3(e) of the Board's Rules of Procedure (12 CFR 262.3 (e)), be accompanied by a statement of the reasons why 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. The notice may be inspected at the offices of the Board of Governors or the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

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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 July 12, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *Marshall & Illsley Corporation*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to acquire EastPoint Technology, Inc., Bedford, New Hampshire, and thereby engage in operating a data processing company, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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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:

Vipin Kumar, Ph.D., California Institute of Technology: Based upon a report forwarded to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) by the California Institute of Technology (C.I.T.) dated January 10, 1991, as well as information obtained by ORI during its oversight review, ORI found that Vipin Kumar, Ph.D., formerly a scientist at C.I.T., engaged in scientific misconduct in biomedical research supported by Public Health Service (PHS) funds.

Specifically, ORI found that Dr. Kumar committed scientific misconduct by falsifying and/or fabricating Figures 2a and 2b in a scientific paper published in the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, 170:2183-2188 (1989) (JEM paper). ORI accepted the C.I.T. conclusion that Dr. Kumar "freely admitted" that he mislabeled the lanes