

supplemental environmental projects, including a human health study, an aquatic health study, and a water system improvements project, estimated to cost \$1,490,000.00.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice.

Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States and the State of Montana v. Pegasus Gold Corporation and Zortman Mining, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 95-95-BLG-JDS (D. Mont.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-4217. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Suite 400, 2929 Third Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59103, and at the Montana Operations Office of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VIII, 301 S. Park, Helena, Montana 59626-0096. Copies can also be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$91.50 for a copy of the Consent Decree with attachments, made payable to the Consent Decree Library (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

Joel M. Gross,

*Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

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#### Antitrust Division

##### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on March 11, 1996 and April 12, 1996, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc. ("Consortium"), has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, the changes are as follows:

Mobius Management Systems, Inc., Newton, MA; Redbanc S.A., Santiago, CHILE; YCS, Inc., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA; Mentis Corporation, Durham, NC; Fujitsu Research Institute, Tokyo, JAPAN; and Battelle, Columbus, OH were admitted as Associate Members of the Consortium. Comerica, Inc., Detroit, MI was admitted as a Principal Member.

Membership remains open and the Consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership. The Consortium also plans to file additional notifications disclosing changes in planned activities of the Consortium.

On October 21, 1993, the Financial Services Technology Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 14, 1993 (58 FR 65399).

Constance K. Robinson,

*Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.*

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##### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc.; Electronic Check Project**

Notice is hereby given that, on June 20, 1996, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Financial Service Technology Consortium, Inc.; Electronic Check Project ("Consortium") has filed written notification simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, the changes are as follows: International Business Machines Corporation, White Plains, NY; and Unisys Corp., Blue Bell, PA have entered into project participation agreements with the Consortium. Electronic Clerk Clearing House Organization, Dallas, TX; Mentis Corp., Durham, NC; and the University of Southern California, Marina Del Ray, CA have entered into agreements to provide services to the Consortium in connection with the project.

The objectives of the project are early technology for, and demonstration of the feasibility of, an electronic check instrument..

Participation in the research and development project remain open, subject to execution of a suitable agreement and the assessment of a technology risk fee. The Consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in parties that are participating in the project.

On August 10, 1995, the Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc.; Electronic Check Project filed its original notification pursuant to § 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 31, 1996 (61 FR 3463).

Constance K. Robinson,

*Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### **Employment and Training Administration**

##### **Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs—Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of information regarding registered apprenticeship programs under Title 29 CFR Part 29 (Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs) and Title 29 CFR Part 30 (Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 7, 1996.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- \* Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- \* Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- \* Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are asked to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Anthony Swoope, Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room N4649, Washington, DC 20210. INTERNET Address: swoopeadoleta.gov Telephone number: (202) 219-5921 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax number (202) 219-5011 (this is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 authorizes and directs the Secretary of Labor "to formulate and promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to extend the application of such standards by encouraging the inclusion thereof in contracts of apprenticeship, to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship, to cooperate with State agencies engaged in the formulation and promotion of standards of apprenticeship, and to cooperate with the Office of Education under the

Department of Health, Education, and Welfare \* \* \*." Section 2 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Labor to "publish information relating to existing and proposed labor standards of apprenticeship," and to "appoint national advisory committees \* \* \*." (29 U.S.C. 50a).

Title 29 CFR Part 29 sets forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and to extend the application of such standards by prescribing policies and procedures concerning registration, for certain Federal purposes, of acceptable apprenticeship programs with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. These labor standards, policies and procedures cover the registration, cancellation, and deregistration of apprenticeship programs and of apprenticeship agreements; the recognition of a State agency as the appropriate agency for registering local apprenticeship programs for certain Federal purposes; and matters relating thereto. The Employment and Training Administration is also soliciting comment on the utility and potential burdens of collecting information on employment and earnings outcomes of completed apprentices.

Title 29 CFR Part 30 sets forth policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and recognized State apprenticeship agencies. These policies and procedures apply to recruitment and selection of apprentices, and to all conditions of employment and training during apprenticeship. The procedures provide for review of apprenticeship programs, for registering apprenticeship programs, for processing complaints, and for deregistering noncomplying apprenticeship programs. This part also provides policies and procedures for continuation or withdrawal of recognition of State agencies which

register apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes.

**II. Current Actions**

Recordkeeping and data collection activities regarding registered apprenticeship are by-products of the registration system. Organizations which apply for apprenticeship sponsorship enter into an agreement with the Federal Government or cognizant State Government to operate their proposed programs consistent with 29 CFR Parts 29 and 30. Apprenticeship sponsors are not required to file reports regarding their apprentices other than individual registration and update information as an apprentice moves through their program.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Title 29 CFR Part 29, Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs and Title 29 CFR Part 30 and Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training.

*OMB Numbers:* 1205-0223 for 29 CFR Part 29; 1205-0224 for 29 CFR Part 30.

*Recordkeeping:* Apprenticeship sponsors are required to keep accurate records on the qualifications of each applicant pertaining to determination of compliance with these regulations. Records must be retained, where appropriate, regarding affirmative action plans and evidence that qualification standards have been validated. State apprenticeship councils are also obligated to keep adequate records pertaining to determination of compliance with these regulations. All of the above records are required to be maintained for 5 years. If this information was not required, there would be no documentation that the apprenticeship programs were being operated in a nondiscriminatory manner. Many apprenticeship programs are 4 years or more in duration; therefore, it is important to maintain the records for at least 5 years.

Section	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
<b>Summary of Burden for 29 CFR Part 29</b>					
Sec. 29.3 .....	105,000	1-time .....	105,000	¼ hour .....	26,250
Sec. 29.6 .....	99,000	1-time .....	99,000	½ hour .....	8,250
Sec. 29.5 .....	5,700	1-time .....	5,700	2 hours .....	11,400
Sec. 29.7 .....	40	1-time .....	40	½ hour .....	3.32
Sec. 29.12 .....	30	1-time .....	.....	.....	.....
Sec. 29.13 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	.....	209,740	.....	45,903

Section	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
<b>Summary of Burden for 30 CFR Part 29</b>					
Sec. 30.3 .....	4,950	1-time .....	4,950	½ hour .....	2,475
Sec. 30.4 .....	550	1-time .....	550	1 hour .....	550
Sec. 30.5 .....	5,000	1-time/applicant ....	5,000	½ hour .....	2,500
Sec. 30.6 .....	50	1-time .....	50	5 hours .....	250
Sec. 30.8 .....	44,000	1-time .....	44,000	1 minute .....	733
Sec. 30.8 .....	30	1-time/program ....	22,000	5 minutes ....	1,833
Sec. 30.11 .....	44,000	1-time .....	44,000	Hand-out ....	.....
ETA 9039 .....	30	1-time .....	30	½ hour .....	15
Sec. 30.15 .....	30	1-time .....	Completed	.....	.....
Sec. 30.19 .....	30	varies .....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	120,530	.....	8,356

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* The cost of the burden to respondents related to 29 CFR Part 29 is \$688,545 (\$15.00 per hour × 45,903 hrs.). The cost of the burden to respondents related to 29 CFR Part 30 is \$125,340 (\$15.00 per hr. × 8,356 hrs.).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 31, 1996.

Ronald E. Putz,

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.*

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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

#### AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:

Mississippi River Commission.

*Time and Date:* 8:30 a.m., August 26, 1996.

*Place:* On board MISSISSIPPI V at the Old Ferry Landing, Tiptonville, TN.

*Status:* Open to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project and Major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on any matters pertaining to the Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project in Memphis District.

*Time and Date:* 9:00 a.m., August 27, 1996.

*Place:* On board MISSISSIPPI V at Tom Sawyer RV Park, West Memphis, AR.

*Status:* Open to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on any matters pertaining to the Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries Project.

*Time and Date:* 8:30 a.m., August 28, 1996.

*Place:* On board MISSISSIPPI V at Corps of Engineers Bank Grading and Mat Loading Facility, Foot of Deaton Street, Greenville, MS.

*Status:* Open to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on any matters pertaining to the Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project in Vicksburg District.

*Time and Date:* 8:30 a.m., August 30, 1996.

*Place:* On board MISSISSIPPI V at the City Front, Morgan City, LA.

*Status:* Open to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on any matters pertaining to the Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project in New Orleans District.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Mr. Noel D. Caldwell, telephone 601-634-5766.

Noel D. Caldwell,

*Executive Assistant, Mississippi River Commission.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Geosciences, Working Group of Subcommittee on Education; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Geosciences, Working Group of Subcommittee on Education (1755).

*Date & Time:* August 29-30, 1996—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 330 NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Jewell Prendeville, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, NSF, Room 775, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1521.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To evaluate existing educational programs within the directorate and make recommendations on priorities for long-range planning for future educational programs.

*Agenda:* Discussions on education in the Geosciences, how to use Geosciences resources in support of education and preparation of draft report.

Dated: August 2, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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