

President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *The Exchange Bankshares, Inc.*, Estill, South Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Exchange Bank, Estill, South Carolina.

2. *Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc.*, and its subsidiaries, FBR Bancorp, Inc.; Money Management Associates, Inc.; and Money Management Associates (LP), Inc.; of Arlington, Virginia; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Rushmore National Bank, Bethesda, Maryland (successor by conversion of Rushmore Trust and Savings, FSB, Bethesda, Maryland, to a national bank).

In connection with this application, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, also has applied to retain 6.34 percent of the voting shares of Pocahontas Bancorp, Inc., Pocahontas, Arkansas, and its sole thrift subsidiary, Pocahontas Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pocahontas, Arkansas, and thereby engage in owning shares in a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Firsttrust Corporation*, New Orleans, Louisiana; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Metro Bank, Kenner, Louisiana.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Advantage Bancorp, Inc.*, Woodbury, Minnesota; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Advantage Bank, Loveland, Colorado, a de novo bank in organization.

2. *Commerce Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Topeka, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 25.65 percent of the voting shares of Commerce Financial Corporation, Topeka, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Commerce Bank and Trust, Topeka, Kansas.

In connection with this application, Applicant and Commerce Financial Corporation, Topeka, Kansas, also has applied to retain an additional 19.63 percent, for a total of 29.03 percent, of the voting shares of Financial Institution Technologies (also known as Suntell, Topeka, Kansas), and thereby engage in data processing activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14)(i)(A) of Regulation Y.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Consumer

Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Wells Fargo & Company*, San Francisco, California; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Buffalo National Bancshares, Inc., Buffalo, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of The Buffalo National Bank, Buffalo, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 19, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) 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. The notice also will 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 August 8, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *USABancShares.com*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Bondsonline Group, Inc., Mercer Island, Washington, in brokerage activities, investment

banking, and information services, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(7) and (b)(8) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 19, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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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 Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Key Informant Interviews to Identify the Barriers to the Implementation of the New Targeted Testing and Treatment of Latent TB Infection Recommendations—NEW—In April 2000, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Thoracic Society (ATS) issued new recommendations for targeted tuberculin testing and treatment regimens for persons with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI.) The

CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) proposes to collect data to identify potential barriers to the acceptance, implementation, and adherence to targeted testing and treatment of LTBI guidelines.

The specific purpose of this research is:

A. Identify barriers to acceptance, implementation, and adherence to the new targeted testing and treatment of LTBI recommendations.

B. Identify possible education and communication messages, materials,

and behavior change strategies to overcome those barriers.

C. Identify acceptable dissemination and media channels.

Approximately, one hundred key-informant telephone interviews with physicians who evaluate tuberculin skin test results and make treatment decisions for individuals with LTBI will be conducted. The target group will include physicians who work in the private sector and public sector in urban and rural areas from throughout the United States.

The total cost to the Federal government is estimated at \$50,000,

which includes contract staff and respondent incentives. Key informant respondents will receive an incentive of approximately \$100 to participate in the telephone interview. Using an estimated cost of \$100 per hour, approximately 100 physicians will participate as interview respondents; it is estimated their burden will be one hour and their cost burden will be \$100 (per respondent.) The total estimated cost to all respondents is \$10,000. The total burden hours are estimated to be 100.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/re-sponse (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Physicians (interviewed)	100	1	1	100
Total	100

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Nancy Cheal,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 00139]

HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Development and Technical Assistance Collaboration for Public Health Laboratory Science With Countries Targeted by the Leadership and Investment in Fighting the Epidemic (LIFE) Initiative; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2000 funds for a cooperative agreement program for HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Development and Technical Assistance Collaboration with Countries Targeted by the LIFE (Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic) Initiative.

In July 1999, the United States (U.S.) Government announced the LIFE Initiative to address the global AIDS pandemic. The LIFE initiative, an effort to expand and intensify the global response to the growing AIDS pandemic and its serious impact, is part of the U.S.

Government's participation in the International Partnership Against HIV/AIDS in Africa (IPAA). A central feature of the LIFE Initiative is a \$100 million increase in US support for sub-Saharan African countries and India, which are working to prevent the further spread of HIV and to care for those affected by this devastating disease. This additional funding is a critical step by the U.S. Government in recognizing the impact that AIDS continues to have on individuals, families, communities and nations responding to the imperative to do more. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through its agency the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is administering \$35 million of the \$100 million allocated to the LIFE Initiative by Congress in November 1999.

The purpose of the program is to support HIV/AIDS prevention program development and technical assistance for countries designated as LIFE countries by the United States Congress. At present, those countries are Botswana, Cote D'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Nigeria, Senegal, Zambia and India. The countries targeted represent those with the most severe epidemic and the highest number of new infections. They also represent countries where the potential for impact is greatest and where U.S. government agencies are already active.

The goals of this program are to address and support three program elements of the LIFE initiative: Primary Prevention, Capacity and Infrastructure Development, and Community and

Home-Based Care and Treatment. This program announcement calls for the delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention program development and technical assistance to the LIFE countries through a variety of recipient activities. The result will be enhancement of the skills of officials from LIFE country national AIDS control programs in strategic planning, implementation, evaluation, and communication relating to HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) for this project. No other applications are solicited or will be accepted. APHL is the appropriate and only qualified agency to provide the services specified under this cooperative agreement because:

1. APHL is the only officially established organization that represents public health laboratory science practitioners. As such, APHL represents officials from throughout the U.S. who have responsibility for all aspects of public health laboratory science practice, education and management to ensure excellent, accessible cost-effective laboratory services for the consumers of health care.

2. This places APHL in a unique position to act as a liaison between state and territorial public health laboratorians and LIFE country public health officials. In addition, the same set of knowledge, skills, and abilities APHL represents (through its members' expertise) are of critical importance in improving the capacity of public health