

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 16, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414.

1. *National Australia Bank Limited*, Melbourne, Australia; to acquire indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiary, 02-E Limited, a 60 percent interest in *Thinorswim.com*, Melbourne, Australia, a newly formed limited liability company and thereby engage *de novo* in providing brokerage services over the internet, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Franklin Bancorp, Inc.*, d/b/a Sunrise Community Banks, St. Paul, Minnesota; to engage *de novo* in employee benefits consulting services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y and data processing, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 27, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality****Contract Review Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to provide review of contract proposals and recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, regarding the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "General Research and Support Services". The RFP was published in the Commerce Business Daily on May 17, 2000.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR section 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-referenced RFP are likely to reveal proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—General Research and Support Services".

Date: August 16 & 17, 2000 (Closed to the public).

Place: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor Conference Center, Room B, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Tina Woodward, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Management, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 601,

Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-0342.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the August 16-17 meeting due to the time constraints of reviews and funding cycles.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 00144]

Environmental Signals and Sensors: A Virtual Center for Disease Prevention in Humans and Ecosystems; 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 grant program to study the underlying biochemical and genetic mechanisms by which environmental chemicals affect human health and signal the onset of disease.

B. Eligible Applicant*Single Source*

Assistance will be provided only to the University of Mississippi Medical Center. No other applications are solicited.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) is the most appropriate organization to conduct the work under this grant program for the following reasons:

1. The University of Mississippi and Tulane University have established a center for environmental medicine and toxicology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. [The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, (Public Law 106-113) provided financial support which "shall be for the Center for Environmental Medicine and Toxicology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at Jackson."]

2. The UMMC has taken a leadership role in forming a consortium with the University of Mississippi at Oxford and the Center for Bioenvironmental Research (CBR) at Tulane and Xavier Universities to assemble scientific teams to address environmental issues. Active collaborations between investigators at the participating institutions are in place to perform the required activities