

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1334-DR]

**North Dakota; Amendment No. 4 to
Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota FEMA-1334-DR, dated June 27, 2000, and related determinations.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 2, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Madge Dale, Response and Recovery
Directorate, Federal Emergency
Management Agency, Washington, DC
20472; (202) 646-3772.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 27, 2000:Logan and Oliver Counties for Public
Assistance (already designated for
Individual Assistance).McIntosh County for Individual
Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Lacy E. Suiter,*Executive Associate Director, Response and
Recovery Directorate.*

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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 25, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The Bank of New York Company, Inc.*, New York, New York; The Chase Manhattan Corporation, New York, New York; Comerica Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan; First Union Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; FleetBoston Financial Corp., Boston, Massachusetts; HSBC Holdings plc, London, England; HSBC Holdings BV, Amsterdam, Netherlands; HSBC USA Inc., Buffalo, New York; The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, plc; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc; RBSG International Holdings Ltd., all of Edinburgh, United Kingdom; and Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island; and Summit Bancorp, Princeton, New Jersey; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, NYCE Corporation, Woodcliff, New Jersey, and thereby acquire membership interests of the SafeCheck Company, L.L.C., a newly formed Delaware LLC, that will develop, implement and market the SafeCheck Prototype, in nonbanking activities using the SafeCheck Prototype, and thereby engage in (i) check verification, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y, and (ii) check debit, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(2) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 7, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Sunshine Act Meeting****AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2000.**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.**STATUS:** Closed.**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Proposed acquisition of commercial check image services system within the Federal Reserve System.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board;
202-452-3204.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES****Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Planning and Evaluation (ASPE);
Notice of a Cooperative Agreement
with the Manpower Demonstration
Research Corporation**

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation's (ASPE) Office of Human Services Policy announces that it will award a non-

competitive continuation to a cooperative agreement with the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) in support of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support research to understand the impacts of welfare reform and welfare to work programs on low-income individuals, families, and the communities in which they live, with an emphasis on urban areas.

ASPE will have substantial involvement in all stages of the project, including: identifying potential questions that could be answered using the data; prioritizing among them based on the available resources; determining appropriate methods of data analysis; reviewing draft papers and reports; and assisting in their dissemination.

The goal of ASPE in entering into this cooperative agreement is to improve our understanding of the impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 in urban areas.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1310) and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-78).

Background

Assistance will be provided to MDRC. No other applications are solicited. ASPE is committed to supporting high-quality research in the area of welfare policy, and has a particular interest in understanding the effects of welfare reform in urban areas. Most welfare reform studies to date have not been in large cities, and thus have not addressed the challenges posed by high levels of unemployment and by concentrated poverty. These questions are critical because caseloads have not declined as much in cities as in other parts of the country, and also because the lessons from urban areas may be applicable elsewhere in the case of an economic downturn.

ASPE believes that MDRC is uniquely qualified to work with ASPE to meet this goal for the following reasons:

1. The Project on Devolution and Urban Change presents a unique opportunity to learn about the implementation and impacts of welfare reform in four large urban areas "Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Miami. MDRC has an ongoing working relationship with key officials in each city and has already obtained

commitments from the state and local governments in these areas to provide extensive longitudinal administrative data for research purposes.

2. This project brings together data from an unusually wide array of sources: longitudinal administrative data for all families receiving AFDC/TANF or Food Stamps dating back to 1992; survey data; an implementation study; neighborhood indicators; an institutional study focusing on local service providers; and an ethnographic study of a limited number of families. This will allow the researchers to capture effects that might be missed in one approach, and to improve our understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. It is unlikely that this breadth of sources could be replicated. MDRC has assembled a multi-disciplinary team of distinguished researchers to collect and analyze this data.

3. This project leverages a substantial commitment of private sector funding. Of the total \$20.4 million cost of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change, over \$16 million has already been committed by private funders, with an additional \$1.7 million in pending proposals. This funding allows for a breadth of research far beyond what could be purchased with the federal support alone.

4. MDRC is one of the pre-eminent institutions in the area of welfare and welfare-to-work research, having conducted projects in over 400 communities in 40 states. MDRC has developed a reputation for objective, high-quality work. This project will involve several of MDRC's senior researchers, as well as consultants who are recognized as leaders in their areas of concentration.

Approximately \$900,000 is available in FY 2000 for a one-year project period of this cooperative agreement. A portion of this support is provided by the Administration for Children and Families, HHS, and the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Office of Human Services Policy, ASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 404E, Washington, DC, 20201 or telephone: 202 690-6808.

Dated: August 2, 2000.

Margaret A. Hamburg,
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of September 7-8 and October 11-12 Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of September 7-8 and October 11-12 Meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the third and fourth meetings of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports (the Panel). These meetings are open to the public.

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463 (the Federal Advisory Committee Act), the Panel was established on August 12, 1999, by the Secretary of HHS to review the methods and assumptions underlying the annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds.

DATES: The third meeting will be held on September 7, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and September 8, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The fourth meeting will be held on October 11, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and October 12, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C-112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariel Winter, Executive Director, Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 442E, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201, (202) 690-6860, medpanel@osaspe.dhhs.gov. Additional information is also available on the Panel's web site: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/medpanel.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Funds (the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds) report annually on the funds' financial condition. The reports