

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 November 7, 2000.

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

1. *Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft*, Frankfurt, Germany; to acquire indirectly all the voting shares of Wasserstein Perella Group, Inc, New York, New York, and its subsidiaries, including Wasserstein Perella & Co., Inc., New York, New York, and thereby engage in financial and investment advisory activities, including among other things providing advice in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, investments, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, capital structuring, financing transactions, and similar transactions, and conducting financial feasibility studies, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y; and Wasserstein Perella Securities, Inc., New York, New York, a registered broker-dealer, and thereby engage in underwriting and dealing in, to a limited extent, all types of debt and equity securities (other than ownership

interests in open-end investment companies) both in the United States and globally, see Travelers Group, Inc., 84 Fed. Res. Bull. 985 (September 1998); Fleet Financial Group, Inc., 84 Fed. Res. Bull. 227 (March 1998); SunTrust Banks, Inc., 84 Fed. Res. Bull. 126 (February 1998); First Union Corporation, 84 Fed. Res. Bull. 59 (January 1998); Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 1008 (December 1997); BankBoston Corporation, 84 Fed. Res. Bull. 850 (1998); BankAmerica Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 913 (November 1997); BB&T Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 919 (November 1997); KeyCorp, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 921 (November 1997); NationsBank Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 924 (November 1997); Swiss Bank Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 786 (September 1997); First Chicago NBD Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 784 (September 1997); Bankers Trust New York Corporation, 83 Fed. Res. Bull. 780 (September 1997); and in the following listed nonbanking activities both in the United States and globally (with the revenues derived from these activities considered to be eligible revenues); extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y; acquiring debt that is in default at the time of acquisition, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(2)(vii) of Regulation Y; providing financial and investment advice, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y; providing securities brokerage services as agent for customers, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of Regulation Y; buying and selling in the secondary market all types of securities on the order of customers as a riskless principal, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(ii) of Regulation Y; acting as agent for the private placement of securities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(iii) of Regulation Y; and buying and selling permissible derivatives contracts as principal, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 18, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Sunshine Meeting Act**

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 30, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items 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: October 20, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts**

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 13⁷/₈% for the quarter ended September 30, 2000. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01010]

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement program for a Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) program. CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2010," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the focus area of Maternal, Infant, and Child Health. For the conference copy of "Healthy People 2010," visit the Internet site: www.health.gov/healthypeople.

The purpose of the program is to assist State public health agencies in generating State-specific data for informing perinatal health programs and policies. This will be accomplished by assisting the State public health agencies to (1) establish or maintain State-specific, population-based surveillance of selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur around the time of pregnancy and early infancy, (2) enhance the basic PRAMS surveillance system in order to more effectively reach special or related populations which are typically considered hard-to-reach populations, and (3) to implement alternative methodologies for surveying women about selected maternal behaviors and experiences. This announcement includes three separate categories:

Category A (Core Activities): To establish or maintain State-specific population-based surveillance of selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur around the time of pregnancy and early infancy.

Category B (Enhanced Activities): To enhance regular PRAMS surveillance to reach special population groups, to test new data collection or analytic

methodologies related to pregnancy or infant health, or to gather additional information on specific topics from women or others. Category B funds cannot be used for ongoing sampling from data sources other than vital records.

1. Special or related population groups: Special populations may include teenagers, groups with low response rates, cultural groups, women whose first language is something other than English, low-income women, women from urban or rural areas, or incarcerated women. Related populations could include follow-up of women who have experienced a fetal death and women with children less than 5 years of age. Special or related populations to be considered for ongoing surveillance must be identifiable for sampling from vital records.

2. New data collection or analytic methodologies: Methodologies that might enhance regular PRAMS mail/telephone data collection could include in-person interviews, additional mail and telephone follow-up with in-person interviews, Internet-administered surveys, or use of community health workers or an organization (e.g., church, civic, cultural groups) to deliver the surveys. Methodologies that might enhance analytic capacity could include conducting small area analysis or GIS (Geographic Information Science), testing the validity and reliability of measures, or performing linkages with other data sets that focus on maternal and infant health issues (e.g., Medicaid data, WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) data, databases with potential contact information for pregnant women).

3. Specific topics: Special surveys focusing on specific topics or specific populations might include in-depth surveys of the PRAMS sample on a time-limited basis (e.g., additional detailed questions on a specific topic added to existing a questionnaire) or special surveys of other populations on topics related to PRAMS (e.g., prenatal care providers, hospitals, health insurance providers).

Category C (Alternative Methodologies): To implement one time (point-in-time) surveys for State-specific, population-based surveillance of selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur around the time of pregnancy and early infancy.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applicants may apply for core activities (Category A), either as an existing grantee or as a new grantee, or they may apply for alternative

methodologies (Category C). In order to apply for enhanced activities (Category B), applicants must also apply for and receive Category A funding. A separate narrative must be provided for each category for which an applicant applies. Applications in each category will be evaluated separately.

For Category A (Core Activities):

Assistance will be provided only to the official State or territorial public health agencies designated as registration areas for vital statistics, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Applicants can apply for Category A funds, either as an existing or new state.

Existing PRAMS States are States that are funded under program announcement 96059 or 99070. These are: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York State, New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia. All other States must apply as a new State.

All applicants for Category A must provide the following evidence of support letters:

1. Written assurance, signed by the head of the State's Vital Statistics unit, that:

a. the recipient PRAMS program will have timely (i.e., able to draw a sample from birth certificates within 2 to 4 months after delivery) access to edited birth certificate information needed for sampling and data collection,

b. the recipient program will identify and commit a person from the Vital Statistics unit to act as a liaison to the PRAMS program to develop and maintain the sampling program and make any modifications needed throughout the life of the program,

c. final birth tape will be available by December 1 of the following data year for the purpose of weighting the annual data set, and,

d. any changes in the vital statistics system, such as with file layouts, will be communicated in writing to the recipient PRAMS program in a timely fashion, as it can affect the monthly sampling process.

2. A joint letter of commitment from the State Directors of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH), the Vital Statistics, and the Data Processing units, that they will work collaboratively to support the PRAMS program. This letter should