

Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the Agreement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Sharron T. Carter-Rogers at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of publication.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

**Rosalind H. Brown,**

*Chief, Superfund Enforcement Information & Management Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition No. P10-03]

### Petition of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Rulemaking; Notice of Filing

Notice is hereby given that National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. ("NCBFAA") ("Petitioner") has petitioned for the issuance of a rulemaking pursuant to 46 CFR 502.51. The NCBFAA seeks a rulemaking that would amend the financial responsibility requirements of regulations set forth in 46 CFR 515.21 *et seq.* The purpose of the proposed rule would be to provide a mechanism by which licensed non-vessel operating common carriers ("NVOCCs") would be able on a voluntary basis to amend their existing bonds, filed pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1718, and 46 CFR 515.21, as an alternative to making cash deposits in banks located in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") as otherwise required by the PRC's new Regulations on International Maritime Transportation ("RIMT") and the Implementing Rules promulgated thereunder. The NCBFAA believes that the proposed rulemaking would be an appropriate way of implementing recently negotiated provisions of the Agreement on Maritime Transport (the "AMT") and Memorandum on Consultations ("Memorandum") between the U.S. and PRC governments, both of which were signed on December 8, 2003.

Specifically, the NCBFAA proposes that the FMC allow NVOCCs to amend their existing bonds by adding a Rider, which would comply with the RIMT

requirement that all NVOCCs operating in the U.S.-PRC trades provide evidence of financial responsibility in the total amount of RMB 800,000 (or approximately U.S. \$96,000). NCBFAA asserts that the Rider is necessary because the Commission's regulations generally only require a bond in the amount of U.S. \$75,000 (not including an additional \$10,000 for branch offices) for licensed NVOCCs. They believe that the proposed regulation would therefore be in accordance with the Memorandum because it would authorize licensed NVOCCs to add a Rider to existing bonds that would (1) increase the base amount of the bond by U.S. \$21,000 and (2) provide that the bond would also be available for the payment of fines or reparation awards that might be imposed by the Chinese authorities due to the NVOCC's violation of the RIMT.

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the Petition, interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition no later than January 12, 2004. Replies shall consist of an original and 15 copies, be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, and be served on Petitioner's counsel Edward D. Greenberg, Esq., Galland, Kharasch, Greenberg, Fellman & Swirsky, P.C., Attorneys At Law, Canal Square, 1054 Thirty-First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007-4492. It is also requested that a copy of the reply be submitted in electronic form (WordPerfect, Word or ASCII) on diskette or emailed to [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov). The Petition will be posted on the Commission's homepage at <http://www.fmc.gov/Docket%20Log/Docket%20Log%20Index.htm>. All replies filed in response to the Petition will also be posted on the Commission's homepage at this location.

Interested parties may also make oral presentations in this proceeding. At the discretion of individual Commissioners, interested persons may request one-on-one meetings at which they may make presentations describing their views on the petition. Any meeting or meetings shall be completed before the close of the comment period. A summary or transcript of each oral presentation will be included in the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission within 5 days of the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

Copies of the Petition also may be obtained by sending a request to the

Office of the Secretary, Room 1046, or by calling (202) 523-5725. Parties participating in this proceeding may elect to receive service of the Commission's issuances in this proceeding through email in lieu of service by U.S. mail. A party opting for electronic service shall advise the Office of the Secretary in writing and provide an e-mail address where service can be made. Such request should be directed to [secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:secretary@fmc.gov).

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 23, 2004.

**Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**  
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Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Mercantile Bancorp, Inc.*, Quincy, Illinois; to acquire 56.07 percent of the voting shares of Mid-America Bancorp, Inc., Leawood, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Heartland Bank, Leawood, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0221]

### GSA Board of Contract Appeals Rules Procedure

**AGENCY:** GSA Board of Contract Appeals, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a renewal of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding the GSA Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) Rules Procedures. A request for public comments was published at 68 FR 57463, October 3, 2003. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: January 28, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Margaret Pfunder, Chief Counsel, GSA Board of Contract Appeals, Room 7022, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405 or telephone (202) 501-0272.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Ms. Jeanette Thornton, GSA Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to General Services Administration,

Regulatory Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control Number 3090-0221.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

The GSBCA requires the information collected in order to conduct proceedings in contract appeals and petitions, and cost applications. Parties include those persons or entities filing appeals, petitions, cost applications, and government agencies.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 55

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1

*Hours Per Response:* .117

*Total Burden Hours:* 6.4

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-4067. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0221, GSA Board of Contract Appeals Rules Procedure, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

**Michael W. Carleton,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 04019]

#### Capacity Building Assistance To Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of HIV Prevention Services for Racial/ Ethnic Minority Populations; Notice of Availability of Funds—Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for cooperative agreements for Capacity Building Assistance to Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of HIV Prevention Services for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations was published in the **Federal Register**, Tuesday, December 2, 2003, Volume 68, Number 231, pages 67558-67566. The notice is amended as follows:

Page 67558, first column, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, delete 93.943, and replace with 93.939.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

**Edward Schultz,**

*Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Competitive Funds for National Programs to Improve the Health, Education, and Well-Being of Young People, Program Announcement Number 04010

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Competitive Funds for National Programs to Improve the Health, Education, and Well-Being of Young People, Program Announcement Number 04010.

*Times and Dates:* 8 a.m.-8:30 a.m., January 27, 2004 (Open), 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., January 27, 2004 (Closed), 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., January 28, 2004 (Closed).

*Place:* The Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter Center, 7 Concourse Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30328, Telephone 770.395.3900.

*Status:* Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters to be Discussed:* The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement Number 04010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nosrat Irannejad, MPH, Lead Education Program Specialist, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 4770 Buford Highway, MS-K31, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone 770.488.6124.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee