

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffery Goldthorp, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418-1096 or *Jeffery.Goldthorp@fcc.gov*. The TTY number is: (202) 418-2989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the FCC and to the communications industry that, if implemented, shall under all reasonably foreseeable circumstances assure optimal reliability and interoperability of wireless, wireline, satellite, cable, and public data networks.

At this first meeting under the Council's new charter, the Council will discuss the modifications that have been made to the Council's charter and how those modifications should be addressed, and any additional issues that may come before it.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Jeffery Goldthorp, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council, by e-mail (*Jeffery.Goldthorp@fcc.gov*) or U.S. mail (7-A325, 445 12th St, SW., Washington, DC 20554). Real Audio and streaming video access to the meeting will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval the information collection system described below.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Forms Relating to Outside Counsel, Expert and Legal Support Services Programs.

Form Numbers: 5000/24, 5000/25, 5000/26, 5000/27, 5000/28, 5000/29, 5000/31, 5000/32, 5000/33, 5000/34, 5000/35, 5000/36, 5200/01, 5210/01, 5210/02, 5210/03, 5210/03A, 5210/04, 5210/04A, 5210/06, 5210/06(A), 5210/08, 5210/09, 5210/10, 5210/10(A), 5210/11, 5210/12, 5210/12A, 5210/14, and 5210/15.

OMB Number: 3064-0122.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual respondents: 4,603.

Estimated time per response: .50 hour to 1 hour.

Total annual burden hours: 3,711.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: June 30, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The collection ensures that outside counsel, legal services providers and experts that contract with the FDIC meet the eligibility requirements established by Congress and enables the FDIC to monitor contract compliance and expenditures.

DATES: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before March 29, 2004 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed below.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed below.

Leneta G. Gregorie, (202) 898-3719, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.
Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and approval of minutes.

Notice of proposed rulemaking on political committee status.

Routine administrative matters.

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DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Robert Biersack, Acting Press Officer.
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board)

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Board hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on behalf of the agencies a request for review of the information collection described below.

On December 5, 2003, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), requested public comment for 60 days on the revision,

without extension, of the currently approved information collection: the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002). The comment period expired February 3, 2004.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the agency listed below. All comments, which should refer to the OMB control number, will be shared among the agencies. Written comments, which should refer to the "Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks, 7100-0032," should be mailed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551. Please consider submitting your comments through the Board's web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm; by e-mail to regs.comments@federalreserve.gov; or by fax to the Office of the Secretary at 202/452-3819 or 202/452-3102. Rules proposed by the Board and other federal agencies may also be viewed and commented on at www.regulations.gov. All public comments are available from the Board's web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, except as necessary for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (C and 20th Streets, N.W.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A draft copy of the proposed FFIEC 002 reporting form may be obtained at the FFIEC's web site (www.ffiec.gov/forms002.htm). A copy of the proposed revisions to the collection of information may also be requested from Cindy Ayouch, Board Clearance Officer, (202) 452-3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may call (202) 263-4869.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to revise the following currently approved collection of information:

Report Title: Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks.

Form Number: FFIEC 002.

OMB Number: 7100-0032
Frequency of Response: Quarterly
Affected Public: U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks
Estimated Number of Respondents: 295

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,180

Estimated Time per Response: 22.75 burden hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 26,845 burden hours

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 3105(b)(2), 1817(a)(1) and (3), and 3102(b). Except for select sensitive items, this information collection is not given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)).

Abstract: On a quarterly basis, all U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks (U.S. branches) are required to file detailed schedules of assets and liabilities in the form of a condition report and a variety of supporting schedules. This information is used to fulfill the supervisory and regulatory requirements of the International Banking Act of 1978. The data are also used to augment the bank credit, loan, and deposit information needed for monetary policy and other public policy purposes. The Federal Reserve System collects and processes this report on behalf of all three agencies.

Current Actions: In response to the December 5, 2003, notice (68 FR 68082), the agencies received one comment letter from a Federal Reserve district bank. The bank supported the proposed revisions and suggested some additional instructional clarifications with regard to repurchase agreements. These clarifications will be incorporated as appropriate.

The revisions to the FFIEC 002 have been approved by the FFIEC as originally proposed and are summarized below. The agencies will implement the changes as of the March 31, 2004, reporting date.

Schedule L—Derivatives and Off-Balance-Sheet Items

Modified Line Item 12, "Gross fair values of derivative contracts," to remove the following requirement: "The following items should be completed by those branches or agencies with total assets of \$100 million or more." The exemption from reporting the fair values of derivative contracts for branches and agencies with less than \$100 million in assets originated when derivatives were considered off-balance sheet items and predates FASB Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (FAS 133), which took effect

in 2001. FAS 133 requires all derivatives to be measured at fair value and reported on the balance sheet as assets or liabilities. Because branches and agencies with less than \$100 million in assets that have derivatives now have to regularly determine their fair value for reporting purposes, they have the information necessary to disclose the fair value of their derivatives in Schedule L. Accordingly, the agencies are eliminating this disclosure exemption. The fair value data on derivatives will complement the data that branches and agencies with less than \$100 million in assets currently report on the notional amount of their derivative contracts.

Schedule M—Due from/Due to Related Institutions in the U.S. and in Foreign Countries (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. Modified Line Item 12, "Gross fair values of derivative contracts," to remove the following requirement: "The following items should be completed by those branches or agencies with total assets of dollar;100 million or more." The rationale for the proposed change is similar to the justification above for the comparable change to Schedule L.

2. Added Memoranda items 1.a, "Gross positive fair value," and 1.b, "Gross negative fair value" to Memorandum item 1, "Notional amount of all credit derivatives on which the reporting branch or agency is the guarantor." The new items will provide a better measure of credit and market risk for credit derivatives entered into with related depository institutions, particularly for branches and agencies with large positions in such credit derivatives.

3. Added Memoranda items 2.a, "Gross positive fair value," and 2.b, "Gross negative fair value" to Memorandum item 2, "Notional amount of all credit derivatives on which the reporting branch or agency is the beneficiary." The rationale for the proposed change is the same as the justification above for adding items to Memorandum item 1.

Request for Comment

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be shared among the agencies and will be summarized or included in the Board's request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection requests. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 20, 2004.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Secretary of the Board.

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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/.

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 March 22, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *GB&T Bancshares, Inc.*, Gainesville, Georgia; to merge with Southern Heritage Bancorp, Inc., Oakwood, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire Southern Heritage Bank, Oakwood, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 20, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: YMC Tracking Study (OMB No. 0920-0582)—Extension—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background

In FY 2001, Congress established the Youth Media Campaign at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Specifically, the House Appropriations Language said: "The Committee believes that, if we are to have a positive impact on the future

health of the American population, we must change the behaviors of our children and young adults by reaching them with important health messages." CDC, working in collaboration with federal partners, is coordinating an effort to plan, implement, and evaluate a media campaign (Youth Media Campaign or YMC) designed to clearly communicate messages that will help kids develop habits that foster good health over a lifetime. The campaign is based on principles that have been shown to enhance success, including: designing messages based on research; testing messages with the intended audiences; involving young people in all aspects of campaign planning and implementation; enlisting the involvement and support of parents and other influencers; tracking the campaign's effectiveness and revising Campaign messages and strategies as needed.

In accordance with the original OMB approval (OMB No. 0920-0582, March 10, 2003), this request will continue to expand and enhance the ongoing monitoring of the campaign's penetration with the target audience. For the campaign to be successful, campaign planners must have mechanisms to determine the target audiences and the reaction to the campaign brand and messages as the campaign evolves. Campaign planners also need to identify which messages are likely to have the greatest impact on attitudes and desired behaviors. This approval contains 2 surveys: (1) VERB Continuous Tracking Study; and (2) Media Benchmarking Study.

The VERB Continuous Tracking Study has facilitated campaign planners' ability to continually assess and improve the effectiveness of the targeted communication and other marketing variables throughout the evolution of the campaign. It enables staff to determine which media channels are most-effective to optimize communication variables such as weight levels, frequency and reach components, and programming formats that will have the greatest effect upon communicating the desired message to the target audiences. Implementation of the survey has provided for efficient collection of campaign awareness and understanding levels on a continual basis.

The campaign uses a tracking methodology with specific time points, using age-targeted samples. Tracking methods may include, but are not limited to telephone surveys, telephone or in-person focus groups, web-based surveys, or intercept interviews with tweens (9-13 year olds), parents, other