

(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/](http://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 February 7, 2005.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Jay Bernstein, Bank Supervision Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *First BanCorp*, San Juan, Puerto Rico; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Ponce General Corporation, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and thereby indirectly acquire UniBank, Miami, Florida, and thereby engage in operating a savings association pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 7, 2005.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

### Study Evaluating, and Making Recommendations for Improving, the Financial Disclosure Process for Employees of the Executive Branch; Opportunity for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Government Ethics is conducting a study, pursuant to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, to evaluate and recommend improvements to the public financial disclosure process for employees of the executive branch. This notice indicates the pendency of OGE's study and provides the public and agencies the opportunity to comment.

**DATES:** Any comments from the public and the agencies must be received by February 11, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to OGE on the study by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov). For E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference: "Comments Regarding Financial Disclosure Process Study."

- FAX: 202-482-9237.

- Mail, Hand Delivery or Courier: Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917, Attention: Ira S. Kaye, Associate General Counsel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ira S. Kaye, Associate General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, telephone: 202-482-9300; TDD: 202-482-9293; FAX: 202-482-9237.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 8403 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, Public Law 108-458 (December 17, 2004), directs the Office of Government Ethics to provide a report to Congress, within 90 days, evaluating the financial disclosure process for employees of the executive branch, and recommending improvements to it. In order to comply with this mandate, OGE has undertaken a study of this subject. OGE's report will focus on whether to recommend amending the body of information that is statutorily required to be included on the Standard Form (SF) 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, as well as whether to recommend changes to the public financial disclosure system itself. Specifically, OGE will analyze whether to recommend changing: the number of asset, income, transaction and liability valuation categories; the various reporting time periods; the dollar thresholds for reporting particular assets, income, transactions and liabilities; the requirements to report most transactions, to identify the type of income earned, and to report the actual dollar amounts of particular types of income; and the level of description and detail required, particularly on Schedules C (liabilities and agreements or arrangements) and D (outside positions and compensation over \$5,000) of the SF 278 report form.

As part of its consideration of these important matters, OGE believes it would be both appropriate and helpful to give the public and agencies an opportunity to express their views. Interested persons may submit comments to OGE, to be received by February 11, 2005, regarding any specific part of the financial disclosure process study or just to give general views on the study in order to assist OGE.

Approved: January 7, 2005.

**Marilyn L. Glynn,**

*Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement Open Season 02060-FY05]

### National Cancer Prevention and Control Program; Notice of Availability of Open Season Funds

*LOI Deadline:* January 28, 2005.

*Application Deadline:* February 28, 2005.

#### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2005 funds for an Open Season for the National Cancer Prevention and Control Program (NCCPP) cooperative agreement program previously announced under Program Announcement 02060 (Henceforth referred to as "PA 02060"). This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) related to cancer.

PA02060 was published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2002, Volume 67, Number 78, pages 19932-19950. Amendment 1 was published May 23, 2002, Amendment 2 was published January 2, 2003, and Amendment 3 was published on January 20, 2004. Applicants may access the amended version of PA 02060, along with this Open Season announcement, on the CDC Web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding," then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

Sections A.-F. of original PA 02060 are superseded by the Sections A.-F. published in this announcement.

The NCCPP will assist States/District of Columbia/Tribes/Territories in developing, implementing, maintaining, enhancing, integrating, and evaluating a cancer program inclusive of cancer surveillance, prevention and early detection programs, and which focuses on eliminating health disparities. The purpose of each of the three programmatic components within the NCCPP follows.

#### A.1. National Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs (NCCCP)

The NCCCP component supports the planning and implementation of