

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 3, 2006. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Richard Langston, Office of Procurement and Assistance, MA-61, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585, or by fax at 202-287-1345, or by e-mail at Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov and to Sharon Evelin, Director, Records Management Division IM-11/ Germantown Bldg., Office of Business and Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290 or by fax, 301-903-3455 or by e-mail to Sharon.Evelin@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Langston at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-0400; (2) *Package Title:* DOE Financial Assistance Information Clearance; (3) *Type of Review:* Continuation of Information Collection under Paperwork Reduction Act; (4) *Purpose:* This information collection package covers collections of information necessary to plan, solicit, negotiate, award and administer grants and cooperative agreements under the Department's financial assistance programs. The information is used by Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to implementation of applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which awardees meet the terms of their agreements; that public funds are spent in the manner intended; and that fraud, waste and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated; (5) *Privacy Impact*

Assessment: This is not applicable as none of the collections requests personal or private information; (6) *Number of Collections:* 36; (7) *Respondents:* 44,457; and, (8) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 415,544.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on November 18, 2005.

Michael P. Fischetti,

Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management.

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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 December 29, 2005.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Jay Bernstein, Bank Supervision

Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *CheckSpring Community Corporation*, Bronx, New York; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of CheckSpring Bank, New York, New York, a *de novo* bank.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Marshall & Ilsley Corporation*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to merge with Gold Banc Corporation, Inc., Leawood, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Gold Bank, Leawood, Kansas.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Gold Trust Company, Saint Joseph, Missouri, and indirectly Gold Capital Management, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, and thereby engage in trust company functions; financial and investment advisory activities; agency transactional services for customer investments, and investment transactions as principal, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(5), (b)(6)(i); (b)(7)(i); and (b)(8)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 29, 2005.

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 Web site at <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 December 30, 2005.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *BV Bancshares, Inc.*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Stonebridge Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a *de novo* bank.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *United Bancorporation of Wyoming, Inc.*, Jackson, Wyoming; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank Holding Company, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First National Bank of Pinedale, both in Pinedale, Wyoming.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 30, 2005.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of November 1, 2005

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on November 20, 2005.¹

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee Meeting on November 1, 2005, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with increasing the federal funds rate to an average of around 4 percent.

The vote encompassed approval of the paragraph below for inclusion in the statement to be released shortly after the meeting:

The Committee perceives that, with appropriate monetary policy action, the upside and downside risks to the attainment of both sustainable growth and price stability should be kept roughly equal. With underlying inflation expected to be contained, the Committee believes that policy accommodation can be removed at a pace that is likely to be measured. Nonetheless, the Committee will respond to changes in economic prospects as needed to fulfill its obligation to maintain price stability.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, November 28, 2005.

Vincent R. Reinhart,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

[Document Identifier: OS-0990-0169; 60-day notice]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to

minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Regular Clearance, Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grantors and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Form/OMB No.: OS-0990-0169.

Use: Pre-Award, Post-Award, and subsequent reporting and record keeping requirements are necessary to award, monitor, close out and manage grant programs, ensure minimum fiscal control and accountability for Federal funds and deter fraud, waste and abuse.

Frequency: Reporting, on occasion.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Annual Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Total Annual Responses: 4,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Hours: 280,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to naomi.cook@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 60 days, and directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology, and Finance, Office of Information and Resource Management, Attention: Naomi Cook (0990-0169), Room 531-H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

Robert E. Polson,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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