

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 April 7, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Towne Bancorp, Inc.*, Mesa, Arizona; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of Towne Bank of Arizona, Mesa, Arizona.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 8, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 March 28, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) P.O. Box 55882, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204

1. *Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.*, Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Anchor Capital Holdings LLC, Boston, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire Anchor Capital Advisors LLC and Anchor/Russell Capital Advisors LLC, both of Boston, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in financial and investment advisory activities pursuant to section 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

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Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Outcome Evaluation of NCI's Activities To Promote Research Collaboration (APRC) Program

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will

publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Outcome Evaluation of NCI's Activities to Promote Research Collaboration (APRC) Program.

Type of Information Collection Request: NEW.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The purpose of this study is to systematically assess the extent to which NCI's Activities to Promote Research Collaborations (APRC) program has been successful in accomplishing its intended goals of (1) capacity building and (2) generating innovative advances. The innovative advances outcome analysis will answer the question of whether APRC projects resulted in promising, novel concepts and advances in cancer research. The capacity building outcome analysis will determine whether participation in the APRC program has enabled the program participants to successfully integrate interdisciplinary approaches in their scientific investigations and enhanced their ability to pursue other collaborative research activities. The study will involve interviewing former APRC-funded researchers. The evaluation results will provide DCB with the information to make quality improvements to the APRC program and enhance program performance in generating significant outcomes. It will also strengthen our understanding of the value of collaborative and interdisciplinary research and inform NCI's approach to supporting and encouraging scientific collaboration among researchers from multiple disciplines in the future.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals; scientific and research communities.

Type of Respondents: Researchers. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250;

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1;

Average Burden Hours per Response: .5; and

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 125.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$4034. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.