

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 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/](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 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.

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

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*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.

Type of respondents	Estimated annual number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Researchers .....	250	1	0.5	125

*Request for Comments:* Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Kelly Kim, Project Officer, DNA and Chromosome Aberrations Branch, DCB, NCI, NIH, 6130 Executive Blvd., Room 5025, Rockville, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-5473 or e-mail your request, including your address to: [kimke@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kimke@mail.nih.gov).

*Comments Due Date:* Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

**Rachelle Ragland-Greene,**

*NCI Project Clearance Liaison, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of Grants and Training; Citizen Corps Individual Registration

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Office of Community Preparedness, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondents' burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on this proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of Community Preparedness is seeking to renew an already approved information collection request, Citizen Corps Individual Registration.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 12, 2006. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10

**ADDRESSES:** National Citizen Corps Office, Attn: Susan Drgos, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

• Mail: National Citizen Corps Office, Attn: Susan Drgos, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Drgos, 202-786-9463 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To request a copy of this Information Collection Request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling or writing Citizen Corps Contact, Susan Drgos, 202-786-9463. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### Analysis

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Office of Community Preparedness.

*Title:* Citizen Corps Individual Registration.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0078.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individual citizens.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000 per year.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,666.66 per year.

*Total Burden Cost:* None.

*Total Burden Cost:* None.

*Description:* This information collection will enable Citizen Corps to operate effectively and efficiently to regularize and coordinate activities between Citizen Corps and those groups active in educating, training, and coordinating volunteers in crime prevention, disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, public health, and safety issues.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

**Charles Church,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of Grants and Training; Citizen Corps Affiliate Programs & Organizations Application

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Office of Community Preparedness, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondents' burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on this proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of Community Preparedness is soliciting comments concerning an approved information collection