

**3. Expenditure Limitation for President**

The national party committees have an expenditure limitation for their general election nominee for President. The formula used to calculate the Presidential expenditure limitation considers not only the price index but also the total VAP of the United States. The Department of Commerce also publishes the total VAP of the United States annually in the **Federal Register**. 11 CFR 110.18. The formula used to calculate this expenditure limitation is

\$0.02 multiplied by the total VAP of the United States (227,719,424), multiplied by the price index. Amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100. See 2 U.S.C. 441a(d)(2) and 11 CFR 109.32(a). Based upon this formula, the expenditure limitation for 2008 Presidential nominees is \$19,151,200.

**Contribution Limitations for Individuals, Non-Multicandidate Committees and for Certain Political Party Committees Giving to U.S. Senate Candidates for the 2007–2008 Election Cycle**

For the convenience of the readers, the Commission is also republishing the contribution limitations for individuals, non-multicandidate committees and for certain political party committees giving to U.S. Senate candidates for the 2007–2008 election cycle:

| Statutory provision          | Statutory amount  | 2007–2008 limitation  |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A) ..... | \$2,000 .....   | \$2,300.  |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(B) ..... | \$25,000 .....  | \$28,500.   |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(A) ..... | \$37,500 .....  | \$42,700.   |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(B) ..... | \$57,500 (of which no more than \$37,500 may be attributable to contributions to political committees that are not political committees of national political parties). | \$65,500 (of which no more than \$42,700 may be attributable to contributions to political committees that are not political committees of national political parties). |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(h) .....       | \$35,000 .....  | \$39,900.   |

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**David M. Mason,**  
 Chairman, Federal Election Commission.  
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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/](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 March 11, 2008.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**  
 (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Bank Iowa Corporation, West Des Moines, Iowa*; to acquire up to 100 percent of Hansen Bancorporation, Lawler, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank of Lawler, New Hampton, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 2008.

**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 11, 2008.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**  
 (David Tatum, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *First NBC Bank Holding Company, New Orleans, Louisiana*; to merge with Dryades Bancorp, Inc., and thereby acquire Dryades Savings Bank, F.S.B., both of New Orleans, Louisiana, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

### Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards will meet Monday, February 25, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in room 7C13 of the Government Accountability Office building, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards will hold a meeting to discuss issues associated with the independence standard and other issues identified by the Council. The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Council with a brief (five minute) presentation in the afternoon.

Any interested person who plans to attend the meeting as an observer must contact Jennifer Allison, Council Administrator, 202-512-3423. A form of picture identification must be presented to the GAO Security Desk on the day of the meeting to obtain access to the GAO building. For further information, please contact Ms. Allison. Please check the Government Auditing Standards Web page (<http://www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm>) one week prior to the meeting for a final agenda.

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Dated: February 6, 2008.

**Paula M. Rascona,**

*Director, Financial Management and Assurance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science, The President's Council on Bioethics.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Bioethics (Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, Chairman) will hold its thirty-second meeting, at which it will discuss and

hear presentations on (1) newborn screening and (2) the problems of cost, access, and quality in American health care. The Council will also unveil its most recent publication, *Human Dignity and Bioethics: Essays Commissioned by the President's Council on Bioethics*. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (although not on the agenda for the March 2008 meeting) include: therapeutic and reproductive cloning, assisted reproduction, reproductive genetics, neuroscience, aging retardation, organ transplantation, personalized medicine, and lifespan-extension. Publications issued by the Council to date include: *Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry* (July 2002); *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (October 2003); *Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics* (December 2003); *Monitoring Stem Cell Research* (January 2004); *Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies* (March 2004); *Alternative Sources of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells: A White Paper* (May 2005); *Taking Care: Ethical Caregiving in Our Aging Society* (September 2005), and *Human Dignity and Bioethics: Essays Commissioned by the President's Council on Bioethics* (March 2008). Reports on (a) controversies in the determination of death, and (b) organ procurement, transplantation, and allocation are forthcoming.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Thursday, March 6, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET; and Friday, March 7, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Palomar Arlington, 1121 North 19th Street, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone 703-351-9170.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane M. Gianelli, Director of Communications, The President's Council on Bioethics, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Suite C100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: 202/296-4669. E-mail: [info@bioethics.gov](mailto:info@bioethics.gov). Web site: <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>. The Council encourages public input, either in person or in writing. At this meeting, interested members of the public may address the Council, beginning at 11:45 am, on Friday, March 7. Comments are limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy, please inform Ms. Diane M. Gianelli, Director of Communications, in advance of your intention to make a public statement, and give your name and affiliation. To submit a written

statement, mail or e-mail it to Ms. Gianelli at one of her contact addresses given above.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

**F. Daniel Davis,**

*Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

**Times and Dates:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March 26, 2008; 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., March 27, 2008.

**Place:** Corporate Square, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-8317.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

**Matters To Be Discussed:** Agenda items include issues pertaining to Lessons Learned: Potential for Transmission of Tuberculosis during Air Travel; Tuberculosis as a Cause of Death; and Update on Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing and Second Line Drug Susceptibility Guidelines and other related tuberculosis issues. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Margie Scott-Cseh, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, Strategic Business Unit, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-8317.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.