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 applications will also 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. 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 February 27, 2012.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001: 1. NBC Bancshares, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska; to retain 76.44 percent of the voting shares of Nebraska Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska, upon its conversion from a savings association to a Nebraska state banking corporation. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 30, 2012.

Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION


Federal Travel Regulation; GSA E-Gov Travel Service (ETS) Transition to E-Gov Travel Service 2 (ETS2)

AGENCY: Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of a bulletin.

SUMMARY: The attached bulletin announces GSA ETS Transition to ETS2.

DATES: Effective Date: This bulletin is effective the date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mr. Frank Robinson, ETS Program Manager Center for Travel Management (QMCD), Office of Travel and Transportation Services (QMC), at frank.robinson@gsa.gov or (703) 605–2151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) Part 301–73 requires all agencies to deploy and implement an E-Gov Travel Service (ETS). ETS is a Governmentwide, web-based, end-to-end travel management service administered by General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS). This requirement extends to E-Gov Travel Service 2 (ETS2) when it becomes available in Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12). The Department of Defense (DoD) is not subject to this FTR requirement but may choose to participate in ETS2.

2. What is the background of this bulletin?

The ETS Master Contracts expire on November 11, 2013, and GSA plans to award the next generation ETS2 to build on the investment and benefits achieved with ETS. ETS2 will focus on the Administration’s principles of strategic sourcing, data-driven transparency, standardization, consolidation, sustainability, and cost reduction. ETS2 is a 15-year Master Contract (3-year base period and three 4-year option periods), with Task Orders at the agency level. Key transition dates are included below:

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<td>April 2012</td>
<td>Anticipated ETS2 award</td>
<td>Begin Task Order process.</td>
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<td>November 2013</td>
<td>ETS Master Contracts end; anticipated ETS contract extensions are available in the event transition to ETS2 is not complete.</td>
<td>Under anticipated ETS extensions, transaction fees increase as transaction volumes decrease.</td>
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<td>November 2014</td>
<td>Anticipated ETS Extension Base Period ends</td>
<td>Transaction fees increase.</td>
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<td>Anticipated ETS Extension Option Period ends</td>
<td>ETS is no longer available.</td>
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It is important for agencies to begin now to prepare for transition from ETS to ETS2.

3. How should agencies prepare?

Agencies should begin making plans to transition from ETS to ETS2 during FY12, and must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for full deployment of ETS2 with the GSA no later than March 30, 2012. The MOU will identify key points of contact, including the agency’s senior level official responsible for developing and implementing policies and controls to ensure efficient spending on travel, the ETS2 transition manager and transition team members. The MOU will also outline the agency’s ETS2 transition plan that provides resources to achieve the following milestone dates:

A. Task Order awarded, negotiated and executed.

B. ETS2 Configuration, Data Loading and Systems Integration completed.

C. Initial Launch/Roll-out begins.
D. ETS2 is fully deployed; ETS task order closed.

An MOU template will be available within 15 business days of the date of this Bulletin.

Agencies are urged to aggressively pursue transition to ETS2, as anticipated contract extensions will have significantly higher transaction fees for agencies that use them. The GSA Center for Travel Management will assist agencies as they transition to ETS2.

4. Whom should I call for further information?

For further information, please contact Mr. Frank Robinson, ETS Program Manager Center for Travel Management (QMC), Office of Travel and Transportation Services (QMC), Federal Acquisition Service, U. S. General Services Administration at frank.robinson@gsa.gov or (703) 605–2151.

Steven Kempf, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, U.S. General Services Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency Information Collection Request. 60-Day Public 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 information collection request 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.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, email your request, including your address, phone number,OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690–1662. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above email address within 60-days.

Proposed Project: The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) Evaluation—OMB No. 0990–NEW—Assistant Secretary Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

Abstract: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval on a new collection to evaluate the implementation of a new policy known as Express Lane Eligibility (ELE). With ELE, a state’s Medicaid and/or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) can rely on another agency’s eligibility findings to qualify children for health coverage, despite their different methods of assessing income or otherwise determining eligibility. CHIPRA authorized an extensive, rigorous evaluation of ELE, creating an exceptional opportunity to document ELE implementation across states and to assess the changes to coverage or administrative costs that may have resulted. The evaluation also provides an opportunity to understand other methods of simplified enrollment that states have been pursuing and to assess the benefits and potential costs of these methods compared to those of ELE. To answer key research questions, ASPE will draw on 5 primary data collections including (1) collecting administrative cost data from ELE and non-ELE states, (2) collecting enrollment data from ELE and non-ELE states, (3) conducting case studies in ELE and non-ELE states, including key informant interviews and focus groups, (4) conducting a 51-state survey, and (5) holding quarterly monitoring calls with 30 states. This request seeks clearance on all data collections except the collection of administrative cost and enrollment data for ELE states. The administrative cost data, enrollment data, case studies, and survey will take place only once over the course of the two year evaluation. The quarterly monitoring calls will take place take place 5 times over the course of the 13 months and will include an initial call of up to an hour in length and 4 shorter follow-up calls of about 15 minutes in length each. The administrative cost and enrollment data collection includes contact with key informants and state-level computer programmers and will be collected using Microsoft document templates. The qualitative case studies will include six visit interviews and local-level key informants in 8 ELE states and 6 non-ELE states, plus focus groups with...