

list) or do both. If a member has received a CRA rating of “outstanding,” it need not complete section II of the form. A copy of Form 60 is available at <http://www.fhfa.gov/webfiles/2924/FHFAForm060.pdf>.

Section 1290.5 describes the circumstances under which FHFA will restrict a member’s access to long-term Bank advances for failure to meet the community support requirements. It also permits Bank members whose access to long-term advances has been restricted to apply directly to FHFA to remove the restriction under certain circumstances.

The information collection contained in Form 60 and part 1290 are necessary to enable and are used by FHFA to determine whether Bank members satisfy the statutory and regulatory community support requirements. Only Bank members that meet these requirements may maintain continued access to long-term Bank advances. See 12 U.S.C. 1430(g).

The OMB number for the information collection is 2590–0005. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on October 31, 2012. The likely respondents are institutions that are Bank members.

#### B. Burden Estimate

The FHFA estimates the total annual average number of respondents that must complete Form 60 at 3,900 Bank members (half of all Bank members each year), with one response per member and an average burden per response of one hour. In addition, FHFA estimates the total annual average number of Bank members whose access to long-term advances has been restricted that will apply to FHFA to remove the restriction at 14 Bank members, with one response per member and an average burden per response of one hour. Thus, the estimate for the total annual hour burden is 3,914 hours.

#### C. Comment Request

Written comments are requested on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FHFA functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the FHFA estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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.

Dated: July 27, 2012.

**Kevin Winkler,**

*Chief Information Officer, Federal Housing Finance Agency.*

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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.

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 August 27, 2012.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:

1. *Washington First Bankshares, Inc., Reston, Virginia*, to merge with Alliance Bankshares, Inc., Chantilly, Virginia, and thereby indirectly acquire Alliance Bank Corporation, Fairfax, Virginia.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. *C–B–G, Inc., West Liberty, Iowa*, to acquire up to 50.01 percent of Washington Bancorp, Washington, Iowa, and thereby increase its indirect interest in Washington Bancorp’s

subsidiary, Federation Bank, Washington, Iowa.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Equity Bancshares, Inc., Wichita, Kansas*, to acquire, through its subsidiary EBI Acquisition IV, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, 100 percent of the voting shares of First Community Bancshares, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, parent of First Community Bank, Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Immediately thereafter, EBI Acquisition IV, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, will merge into First Community Bancshares, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas.

2. *Main Banc, Inc.*, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank 1st Financial Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank 1st, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 30, 2012.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals To Engage in or To Acquire Companies 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.

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 August 17, 2012.

A Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Westpac Banking Corporation, Sydney, Australia*, to engage de novo through Westpac Capital Markets LLC, New York, New York in securities brokerage and riskless principal transactions, pursuant to Sections 225.28(b)(7)(i) and 225.28(b)(7)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 30, 2012.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HHS gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees from the Feed Materials Production Center in Fernald, Ohio, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On June 27, 2012, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All employees of DOE, its predecessor agencies, and their contractors, or subcontractors who worked at the Feed Materials Production Center (FMPC) in Fernald, Ohio, from January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1978, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation became effective on July 27, 2012, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384(14)(C). Hence, beginning on July 27, 2012, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

**John Howard,**

*Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Research Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has taken final action in the following case:

*Mepur H. Ravindranath, Ph.D., John Wayne Cancer Institute:* Based on the report of an investigation conducted by the John Wayne Cancer Institute (JWCI) and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. Mepur H. Ravindranath, former Director of the Laboratory of Glycoimmunotherapy, JWCI, engaged in research misconduct in research supported by National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), awards R21 CA107316 and R03 CA107831.

ORI found that the Respondent engaged in research misconduct by falsifying results reported for research supported by U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) grants R21 CA107316 and R03 CA107831, in progress reports for those grants and in two publications in scientific journals.

It is expressly understood that by entering into a Voluntary Settlement Agreement (Agreement), Respondent is not admitting to any of the allegations made against him by JWCI and/or ORI, or any of their respective agents, employees, associates, or related persons, including but not limited to the findings made by ORI listed in the Agreement. Respondent agreed to enter into the Agreement and not to contest the findings contained therein solely because contesting the findings would cause Respondent undue financial hardship and stress, and Respondent wished to seek finality.

#### Specifically

1. Respondent falsified the number of subjects accrued in the double-blind study reported in the paper

Ravindranath, M.H., Muthugounder, S., Presser, N., Ye, X., Brosman, S., & Morton, D.L. "Endogenous immune response to gangliosides in patients with confined prostate cancer." *Int. J. Cancer* 166:368-377, 2005

(subsequently referred to as the "IJC paper") and later reviewed in Ravindranath, M.H. Yesowitch, P., Sumobay, C., & Morton, D.L. "Glycoimmunomics of human cancer: Current concepts and future perspectives." *Future Oncology* 3(2):201-214, 2007 (subsequently referred to as the "Future Oncology paper"), by reporting data of 63 patients with serial bleeds taken at different points in time and reporting that the values from the 7 patients were for different patients. This same reporting data of individual patients with serial bleeds taken at different points in time and reporting that those values were for different patients was presented in the CA107316 and CA107831 final reports.

2. The methodology used for the Tables of ANOVA results comparing Log Titers of IgM antibodies for the different subject groups in the *IJC* and *Future Oncology* papers and the CA107316 and CA107831 final reports is incorrect and false, since the papers and reports fail to state that the results are not for a simple ANOVA but include various degrees of repeated measures on the variables.

3. In Table 1 of the CA107831 Final Report, Respondent reported mean log titer values for GM1b for healthy, BHP, and T3/4 CaP patients. These values exactly matched with values published for a different ganglioside, GM1, for healthy, BHP, and T3/4 CaP patients, earlier in the *IJC* (Table II) and *Future Oncology* publications. The only exception was the log titer value for T1/2 CaP patients for GM1b (n = 20), which matched with the earlier published mean log titer value for GT1b (6.22 ± 1.40; n = 36). ORI finds the pairwise-difference in the log titer values of GM1b between the T1/2 CaP and healthy patients, claimed to be significant (p < 0.01), to therefore be incorrect and false. Respondent contends otherwise.

4. Because Respondent included serial bleed values from individual patients in Table 1 of the *IJC* paper, the summary data for anti-ganglioside antibody values, and the statistical analyses derived from them in Tables II and III of the *IJC* paper, Tables 1 and 2 of the *Future Oncology* paper, published Tables A and B of the CA107316 final report, and Tables 1 and 2B of the CA107831 final report are incorrect and false. The inclusion of serial bleeds from