

bankcard and ATM transaction services for other financial institutions pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 14, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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Hill Bancshares, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and Hill Bank & Trust Company, Weimar, Texas.

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Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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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/.

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 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
(W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Central Texas Bankshare Holdings, Inc.*, Columbus, Texas; and Colorado County Investment Holdings, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to acquire 47 percent of the voting shares of Hill Bancshares Holdings, Inc., Weimar, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire

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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 August 3, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President), 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Patapsco Bancorp, Inc.*, Dundalk, Maryland; to acquire Northfield Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Northfield Federal Savings Bank, both of Baltimore, Maryland, and thereby to operate a savings association pursuant to Section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

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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.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
(Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Union Bankshares Company*, Ellsworth, Maine; to acquire 100 percent of the common stock of Mid-Coast Bancorp, Inc., Waldoboro, Maine, and thereby indirectly acquire The Waldoboro Bank, F.S.B., Waldoboro, Maine, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Cooperative Agreement To Support the Waste-Management Education and Research Consortium, New Mexico State University; Notice of Intent to Accept and Consider a Single Source Application

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing its intention to accept and consider a single source application for the award of a cooperative agreement to the Waste-Management Education and Research Consortium (WERC), New Mexico State University, to support the Annual International Environmental Design Contest. The estimated amount is \$100,000 per annum. Competition is limited because the WERC International Environmental Design Contest is the only college level environmental design competition of its kind.

DATES: Submit applications by August 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: An application is available from and should be submitted to: Maura Stephanos, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Office (HFA-520), Division of Contracts and Procurement Management, Office of the Director, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 2129, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7183. (Applications hand-carried or commercially delivered should be addressed to rm. 2129, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; FAX 301-827-7106; e-mail address: mstepha1@oc.fda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the administrative and financial management aspects of this notice: Maura Stephanos (address above).

Regarding the programmatic aspects: Wendy Buckler, Office of Plant and Dairy Foods and Beverages (HFS-300), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-2923.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This project is authorized under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (the PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 241). FDA's research program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance at 93.103. The application will not be subject to review as governed by Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Program (45 CFR part 100).

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all award recipients to provide a smoke-free work place and to discourage the use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

I. Background

While the American food supply is among the safest in the world, every year there are still millions of Americans stricken by illness caused by the food they consume, and the very young and elderly die as a result. In 1997, the President announced his Food Safety Initiative (FSI), the goal of which is to reduce the annual incidence of foodborne illnesses by enhancing the safety of the nation's food supply. As directed, agencies are exploring ways to strengthen systems of coordination, surveillance, inspections, research, risk assessment, and education. Through a collaborative effort between the FDA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a report titled "Food Safety from Farm to Table: A National Food Safety Initiative" was released in May 1997.

Over the last several years, the detection of outbreaks of foodborne illnesses associated with domestic and imported fresh fruits and vegetables has also increased. Imports have doubled over the past 7 years and they are expected to increase by 30 percent by 2002. Thus, FDA is directing surveillance, inspection, compliance, and education efforts to detect and prevent harmful pathogens from reaching the consumer in a food safety "farm to table" approach. These food safety efforts apply to both domestic and imported produce. To that end, FDA and USDA issued a guidance document that is intended to assist the U.S. and foreign produce industry in enhancing the safety of domestic and imported produce by addressing common areas of concern in the growing, harvesting, sorting, packing, and distribution of fresh produce.

WERC is a program of the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University established in 1990 under a cooperative agreement with the U.S.

Department of Energy. Starting in 1991, WERC has conducted an Annual Environmental Design Contest (Contest), which is a unique educational experience for students from throughout the world. The Contest is open to any 2-year, 4-year, or graduate degree institution. Since 1998, there has been a separate concurrent competition for high school students. The Contest provides an opportunity for students to apply all the theories they have learned and to develop innovative solutions for real environmental issues. Most of the problems in the past dealt with waste disposal, ground water contamination, nuclear waste treatment, and similar subjects. The scope of problems has recently been broadened to include food safety and disciplines such as microbiology.

Major engineering and physical science departments at leading U.S. universities and some foreign countries regularly compete in the Contest. In the ninth annual Contest in 1998 to 1999, 56 universities and 8 high school teams presented and demonstrated technical solutions combined with economics, public policy, regulations and other considerations vital to the environment.

Government and industry sponsors provide tasks for the Contest. The tasks are technological problems for which known solutions are not readily available.

In 1999, FDA entered a task entitled "Detection of Human Waste on Imported Fresh Fruits and Vegetables" for the Contest. There are several areas in the production of fresh fruits and vegetables that can contribute to food safety concerns. One of the areas is the use of municipal biosolids or sewage sludge (the treated by-product of human waste treatment) as a soil amendment for the production of fresh fruits and vegetables. Improperly treated sewage sludge represents a significant source of human pathogens. Because the consumption of produce contaminated by human waste poses a potential health risk, FDA is seeking a mechanism by which it can: (1) Determine if sewage sludge has been adequately treated to eliminate pathogenic microorganisms and (2) determine if fresh fruits and vegetables are contaminated on the surface by improper sewage sludge. Three schools selected the FDA task.

II. Purpose

FDA will be one of the sponsors for the Contest administered by WERC and will submit task(s) to be considered by the schools. The school teams' imagination, fresh ideas, and innovative solutions can be of great importance to