

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 <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 May 8, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice

President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Republic Corporation*, Omaha, Nebraska; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of United Republic Bank, Omaha, Nebraska (in organization).

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Skagit State Bancorp*, Burlington, Washington; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Skagit State Bank, Burlington, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 10, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request; Proposed Projects

Title: TANF Labor Market Survey.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: Understanding the motivations, hiring practices, and workplace policies of employers—the demand side of the labor market—can

provide considerable information to policy makers interested in promoting work and advancement among welfare recipients and other less-skilled workers. This project will add to our knowledge in this area by surveying employers in the TANF/low-wage labor market. We will survey a national sample of employers, focusing on industry sectors with the most jobs in the low-wage labor market, the employers most relevant for the majority of current and recent TANF recipients. The survey will gather information from employers on their attitudes, practices, and policies toward TANF recipient and other low-skill hires, including information on worker advancement, the use of work force intermediaries in hiring, and the role that child care plays in worker retention. The survey will allow for comparisons of employers in urban-core areas, suburbs, and exurbs/rural areas. It will also measure employment outcomes for TANF recipients and other low-skilled workers, allowing us to draw connections between employer practices and employee outcomes. In short, this national survey of employers in the low-wage labor market can provide key information on what employer practices and policies are and how they are associated with workplace success for welfare recipients and other less-skilled workers.

Respondents: A nationally representative sample of business establishments having 4 or more workers.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
TANF Labor Market Survey	1,300	1	0.33	429

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 429.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Office. E-mail address:

infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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