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## FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

### Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-524)

**AGENCY:** Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice Regarding Labor Management Cooperation Program for Fiscal Year 2007.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) regrets to inform the public that there are no appropriated funds available for the Labor Management Cooperation Program for Fiscal Year 2007. However, there is limited amount of funds still remaining for FY2006. We will continue to accept grant proposals and will award grants subject to funds availability.

**ADDRESSES:** Michael J. Bartlett, Federal Register Liaison, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427, telephone number (202) 606-3737 or e-mail address at [mbartlett@fmcs.gov](mailto:mbartlett@fmcs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Stubbs, Grants Management Specialist, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 2100 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20427, telephone number (202) 606-8181 or e-mail address at [lstubbs@fmcs.gov](mailto:lstubbs@fmcs.gov).

Dated: November 6, 2006.

**Fran Leonard,**

*Director, Budget and Finance, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 27, 2006.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Ed Teefey*, Mount Sterling, Illinois, to acquire additional voting shares of Mount Sterling Bancorp, Inc., Mount Sterling, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Farmers State Bank & Trust Company, Mount Sterling, Illinois.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *E. Kent Christian*, Kiester, Minnesota, individually and as part of a group acting in concert with the Edward T. Christian Revocable Trust, Albert Lea, Minnesota, co-trustees E. Kent Christian and Edna Christian, Albert Lea, Minnesota, independent trustee Fred Freidrichsen, Glenville, Minnesota, and Edna Christian, individually, to acquire voting shares of Kiester Investments, Inc., Kiester, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First State Bank Kiester, Kiester, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 7, 2006.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy 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/](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 December 7, 2006.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Business First Bancshares, Inc.*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Business First Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. *FNBC Financial Corporation*, Crestview, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of First National Bank of Crestview, Crestview, Florida.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Capitol Bancorp, Ltd.*, *Capitol Development Bancorp Limited VI*, and *Capitol Bancorp Colorado Ltd II*, all in Lansing, Michigan, to acquire 51 percent of the voting shares of Larimer Commerce Bank (in organization), Fort Collins, Colorado.

In connection with this application, Capitol Bancorp Colorado Ltd II, Lansing, Michigan, has applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring Larimer Commerce Bank, Fort Collins, Colorado.

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

1. *Pacific Premier Bancorp*, Costa Mesa, California; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100

percent of the voting shares of Pacific Premier Bank, Costa Mesa, California.

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**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; National Toxicology Program; NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods; Development of a NICEATM/ICCVAM 5-Year Plan To Research, Develop, Translate, and Validate New and Revised Non-animal and Other Alternative Assays for Integration of Relevant and Reliable Methods Into Federal Agency Testing Programs: Request for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH) m HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The NIEHS and the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) request public comments that can be considered by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and agency program offices in development of a NICEATM/ICCVAM 5-year plan that addresses: (1) Research, development, translation, and validation of new and revised non-animal and other alternatives assays for integration of relevant and reliable methods into federal agency testing programs and (2) identification of areas of high priority for new and revised non-animal and alternative assays for the replacement, reduction, and refinement (less pain and distress) of animal tests.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 31, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should preferably be submitted electronically at the NICEATM/ICCVAM 5-Year Plan Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>. Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to [5yearplan@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:5yearplan@niehs.nih.gov). Written comments may also be sent by mail or fax to Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director, NIH/NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC,

27709, (phone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947. Courier address: NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Congress established ICCVAM to promote development, validation, and regulatory acceptance of new or revised alternative toxicological test methods that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness (42 U.S.C. 2851-3). Congress requests of NIEHS that NICEATM and ICCVAM in partnership with relevant federal agencies develop a 5-year plan that addresses (1) research, development, translation, and validation of new and revised non-animal and other alternative assays for integration into federal agency testing programs and (2) identification of areas of high priority for new and revised non-animal and alternative assays for replacement, reduction, and refinement (less pain and distress) of animal tests. At this time, the NIEHS and NICEATM seek public comments that can be considered by the ICCVAM and agency program offices in development of the plan. The Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) meeting at the NIEHS on November 30 will also provide an additional opportunity for public input (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441>).

##### Request for Comments

The NIEHS and NICEATM invite public comments for consideration by ICCVAM and agency program offices in development of the NICEATM/ICCVAM 5-year plan. With regard to refining, reducing, and replacing animal use, ICCVAM has previously identified and ranked the types of regulatory safety tests that it considers should have the highest priority for the development and validation of alternative test methods.

1. Acute eye irritation and corrosion
2. Biologics/vaccines
3. Acute skin toxicity (including irritation/corrosion, sensitization, absorption)
4. Acute systemic toxicity (oral/dermal/inhalation)
5. Chronic toxicity/carcinogenicity
6. Reproductive/developmental toxicity
7. Endocrine disruptors
8. Neurotoxicity
9. Immunotoxicity

The NIEHS and NICEATM seek public input on the following questions.

One of the elements that might be considered in answering questions 2-4 is the priority areas listed above.

1. Do you have comments on the priority areas for the development and validation of alternative test methods listed above?

2. Considering available science and technology, what development, translation, and validation activities are most likely to have the greatest impacts within the next five years on refining, reducing, or replacing animal use?

3. What research and development activities hold the greatest promise in the long-term for refining, reducing, or replacing animal use?

4. What are appropriate measures for evaluating progress in enhancing the development and use of alternative test methods?

Individuals submitting comments are asked to include appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, email and sponsoring organization, if applicable). All comments received by December 31, 2006, will be posted on the ICCVAM-NICEATM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>) and identified by the individual's name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable.

##### Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 federal regulatory and research agencies that use, generate, or disseminate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 2851-3, available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.htm>) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. SACATM is a federally chartered advisory committee that provides advice to NICEATM, ICCVAM, and NIEHS on ICCVAM and NICEATM activities. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Website: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.