

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 September 9, 2004.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105–1521:

1. *Sterling Financial Corporation*, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; to merge with The Pennsylvania State Banking Company, and thereby indirectly acquire Pennsylvania State Bank, both in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Cindy C. West, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101–2566:

1. *The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to merge with Riggs National Corporation, Washington, D.C., and thereby indirectly acquire Riggs Bank National Association, McLean, Virginia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,

August 10, 2004.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 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/](http://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 30, 2004.

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

1. *Centerstate Banks of Florida, Inc.*, Winter Haven, Florida; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, CenterState Home Loans, LLC, Orlando, Florida, in making, acquiring, brokering, or servicing loans or other extensions of credit, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

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

1. *Marshall & Ilsley Corporation*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to acquire Metavante Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Response Data Corp., both of Parsippany, New Jersey, and thereby engage in data processing activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(14)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,

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**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: “Questionnaire and Data Collection Testing, Evaluation, and Research for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality”. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Cynthia D. McMichael, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room #5022, Rockville, MD 20850.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1651.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Proposed Project

“Questionnaire and Data Collection Testing, Evaluation, and Research for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.”

AHRQ plans to employ the latest techniques to improve its current data collections by developing new surveys, and by revising existing surveys in anticipation of, or in response to, changes in the healthcare field, for a 3 year period. The clearance request is limited to research on questionnaires, data collection methods and related reports and does not extend to the collection of data for public release or policy formation.

A generic clearance for this work will allow AHRQ to draft and test survey instruments more quickly and with greater lead time, thereby managing project time more efficiently and

improving the quality of the data it collects.

It is envisioned that in some instances the ability to pretest/pilot-test survey-related instruments, in anticipation of work, or early in a project, may result in the decision not to proceed with particular survey activities, thereby saving both public and private resources and effectively eliminating or reducing respondent burden.

Many of the survey tools AHRQ develops are made available to users in the private sector. The health care environment changes rapidly and requires a quick response from the

agency to provide appropriately refined tools. A generic clearance for this methodological work will facilitate the agency's timely development of survey tools suitable for use in changing conditions.

It is particularly important to refine AHRQ's survey tools because they are frequently made available to help the private sector to improve health care quality by enabling the gathering of useful data for analysis and for providing information about health care quality to consumers and purchasers so that they can use their marketplace

choices to influence and improve health care quality.

### Methods of Collection

Participation in survey testing will be fully voluntary and non-participation will have no effect on eligibility for, or receipt of, future AHRQ health services research support or on future opportunities to participate in research or to obtain informative research results. Specific estimation procedures, when used, will be described when we notify OMB as to actual studies conducted under the clearance.

### ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Type of research activity	Number of respondents	Estimated time per respondent	Total burden hours
Face-to-Face Interviews .....	100	60 minutes	100
Field Tests (short) .....	2,400	20 minutes	800
Field Tests (long) .....	7,600	30 minutes	3,800
Lab Experiments .....	200	90 minutes	300
Focus Groups .....	100	60 minutes	100
Cognitive Interviews .....	100	60 minutes	100
Totals .....	10,500	Not Applicable	5,200

### Estimated Costs to the Federal Government

Expenses (equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff) will be incurred by AHRQ components as part of their normal operating budgets. No additional costs to the Federal Government is anticipated. Any deviation from these limits will be noted in reports made to OMB with respect to a particular study or studies conducted under the clearance.

### Request for Comments

In accordance with the above-cited legislation, comments on the AHRQ information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of AHRQ, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information

collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

Workplace Stress Among Underground Coal Miners—New—The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Work-related stress appears to increase the risk of atherosclerotic heart disease, musculoskeletal disorders such as back pain and carpal tunnel syndrome, and clinical depression. The mechanism by which stress increases the risk of chronic disease states is unknown, but is thought to involve abnormal communication between the brain and the endocrine system. Dysfunction of this communication system, called the Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) axis, is found in a number of chronic diseases, including coronary heart disease, diabetes, and rheumatoid arthritis. In a healthy individual, there is flexible communication between the hypothalamus and pituitary gland, both located in the brain, and the adrenal gland, located above the kidneys. When stresses occur throughout the day, cortisol is released from the adrenal gland in response to signals from the brain. Cortisol prepares the body to respond to stress, after which cortisol levels return to normal. Chronic stress, with protracted or repeated challenge to the HPA axis, may lead to inappropriate levels of cortisol, further decline of HPA