

underlying analytics substantially, increase the breadth and depth of their public records data, and overcome the resistance of many law enforcement customers to switch to a product that lacks the track record of effectively serving the needs of the law enforcement community in order to seriously contend for the customers that currently work with LexisNexis or ChoicePoint. As a result, new entry or fringe expansion sufficient to achieve a significant market impact within two years is unlikely.

IV. The Consent Agreement

The proposed Consent Agreement effectively remedies the Proposed Acquisition's likely anticompetitive effects in the market for electronic public records services to law enforcement customers. The proposed Consent Agreement preserves competition by requiring the divestiture of assets related to ChoicePoint's AutoTrackXP and CLEAR electronic public records services to Thomson Reuters Legal Inc. ("West") within fifteen (15) days after the Proposed Acquisition is consummated.

The Commission is satisfied that West is a well-qualified acquirer of the AutoTrackXP and CLEAR assets. West has the resources, capabilities, experience, and reputation to ensure that it will be an effective competitor in the market for electronic public records services to law enforcement customers. West, headquartered in Eagan, Minnesota, is a subsidiary of Thomson Reuters, one of the world's leading information service providers to the legal and business community. West already has a large and experienced sales force with existing relationships with many law enforcement agencies which use West's legal research services. With the divested assets, West will be particularly well-situated to replicate ChoicePoint's success and compete against the combined firm immediately after the Proposed Acquisition.

The proposed Consent Agreement contains several provisions designed to ensure that the divestiture of the AutoTrackXP and CLEAR assets to West is successful. First, the proposed Consent Agreement requires Reed Elsevier to provide various transitional services such as customer service, billing support, and database and network maintenance for up to two years to enable West to compete against Reed Elsevier immediately following the divestiture. Second, the proposed Consent Agreement ensures that Reed Elsevier will maintain the viability and marketability of the AutoTrackXP and

CLEAR assets prior to the divestiture. Finally, the proposed Consent Agreement allows the Commission to appoint an Interim Monitor to ensure that Reed Elsevier fulfills all of its obligations related to the divestiture of the assets.

In order to ensure that the Commission remains informed about the status of the AutoTrackXP and CLEAR assets pending divestiture, and about the efforts being made to accomplish the divestiture, the proposed Consent Agreement requires Reed Elsevier to file periodic reports with the Commission until the divestiture is accomplished.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Consent Agreement or to modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark

Secretary

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission Nomination Letters

AGENCY: Government Accountability Office (GAO).

ACTION: Notice on letters of nomination.

SUMMARY: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and gave the Comptroller General responsibility for appointing its members. For appointments to MedPAC that will be effective May 1, 2009, I am announcing the following: Letters of nomination should be submitted between January 1 and March 31, 2009, to ensure adequate opportunity for review and consideration of nominees prior to the appointment of new members.

ADDRESSES:

GAO: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548.

MedPAC: 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Suite 9000, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
GAO: Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512-4800.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1395b-6.

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Acting Comptroller General of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science, The President's Council on Bioethics.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Bioethics (Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, Chairman) will hold its thirty-fifth meeting, at which it will discuss three topics: exercises of conscience in the practice of the health professions, the problem of medical futility, and the future of public bioethics and national bioethics commissions in the United States. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (although not on the agenda for the November 2008 meeting) include: therapeutic and reproductive cloning, assisted reproduction, reproductive genetics, neuroscience, aging retardation, organ transplantation, personalized medicine, standards for the determination of death, children and bioethics, and lifespan-extension among others. Publications issued by the Council to date include: *Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry* (July 2002); *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (October 2003); *Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics* (December 2003); *Monitoring Stem Cell Research* (January 2004); *Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies* (March 2004); *Alternative Sources of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells: A White Paper* (May 2005); *Taking Care: Ethical Caregiving in Our Aging Society* (September 2005); and *Human Dignity and Bioethics: Essays Commissioned by the President's Council on Bioethics* (March 2008). Reports are forthcoming on four topics: controversies in the determination of death; organ donation, procurement, allocation, and transplantation; newborn screening; and medical care and the common good.

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, November 20, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET; and Friday, November 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to noon, ET.