

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 applications 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 January 15, 2009.

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

1. *Southern Bancshares, Inc.*, Mount Olive, North Carolina, to acquire up to 9.9 percent of the voting shares of ECB Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire up to 9.9 percent of the voting shares of East Carolina Bank, both of Englehard, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Raymond James Financial, Inc.*, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Raymond James Bank, FSB, both of St. Petersburg, Florida, to be named Raymond James Bank, N.A., upon its conversion to a national bank.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth Binning, Vice President, Applications and Enforcement) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Castle Creek Capital Partners III LP*, *Castle Creek Capital III LLC*, *Eggemeyer Capital LLC*, *Ruh Capital LLC*, and *Legions IV Advisory Corp.*, all of Rancho Santa Fe, California, to acquire up to 19.9 percent of the voting shares of Guaranty Bancorp, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, both of Denver, Colorado.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 16, 2008.

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/.

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 January 5, 2009.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Synovus Financial Corporation*, to establish Broadway Asset Management, Inc., both of Columbus, Georgia, and thereby engage *de novo* in extending credit and servicing loans, activities related to extending credit, and leasing personal and real property, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(1) and (b)(3) of Regulation Y.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0080]

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Final Payment Under Building Services Contract

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding final payment under building services contract. A request for public comments was published at 73 FR 32333, June 6, 2008. No comments were received. This OMB clearance expires on December 31, 2008.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

DATES: Submit comments on or before: January 21, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meredith Murphy, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, at telephone (202) 208-6925 or via e-mail to meredith.murphy@gsa.gov.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this