

FDIC collection	Hours per response	Number of respondents	Times per year	Burden hours
Pledge of assets:				
Records	0.25	10	4	10
Reports	2	10	4	80
Total Burden				1,314

General Description of Collection: The collection involves information obtained in connection with applications for consent to move an insured state-licensed branch of a foreign bank (12 CFR 303.184); applications to operate as a noninsured state-licensed branch of a foreign bank (12 CFR 303.186); applications from an insured state-licensed branch of a foreign bank to conduct activities which are not permissible for a federally-licensed branch (12 CFR 303.187); internal recordkeeping requirements for such branches (12 CFR 347.209(e)(4)); and reporting and recordkeeping requirements relating to the pledge of assets by such branches (12 CFR 347.209(e)(4) and (e)(6)).

Current Action: The FDIC is proposing to renew the existing information collection without change, with the exception of an adjustment of – 258 hours to reflect a slight decrease in the number of respondents.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's request to OMB for renewal of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of December 2009.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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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 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 25, 2010.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (E. Ann Worthy, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *TLCM Holdings, LLC, Richardson, Texas*,; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of EJ Financial Corp., Dallas, Texas, and EJ Delaware Bancshares, Inc., Dover, Delaware, and thereby indirectly acquire Equity Bank, SSB, Dallas, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 22, 2009.

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 13, 2010.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Bank of China Limited, Beijing, China*; to engage de novo through its subsidiary BOC International (USA) Inc., New York, New York, in securities brokerage, riskless principal, and private placement activities pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(7)(i), 225.25(b)(7)(ii) and 225.28(b)(7)(iii) of Regulation Y; and to engage through its subsidiary BOC Aviation (USA) Corp., Reno, Nevada, in leasing activities pursuant to section 225.28(b)(3) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 22, 2009.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request. 30-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-5683. Send written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections within 30 days of this notice directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer; faxed to OMB at 202-395-5806.

Proposed Project: Research Mentoring Dyad: Comparing the Views of Faculty

Advisors/Mentors and Their Ph.D. Students on Training/Learning to Be a Responsible Researcher –OMB No. 0990–New-Office of Research Integrity (ORI).

Abstract: This effort is consistent with the directive to ORI to “focus more on preventing misconduct and promoting research integrity” (**Federal Register:** May 12, 2000, Volume 65, Number 93). Study results will be used to promote mentoring best practices, in particular for the responsible conduct of research, by raising awareness of the role of faculty members in developing young scientists, promoting discussion in the scientific community, and informing institutions on where and how to focus resources from the unique perspective of both faculty and doctoral student. To gather information to promote ORI's objectives, this study will use in-depth personal interviews with 100 faculty who participated in the ORI Faculty Survey and agreed to be re-contacted and 100 matched doctoral students who have graduated in the last five years. These one-time interviews will be used to find out how faculty and their students view the training and education of responsible researchers. Interviews with matched faculty/doctoral student pairs will provide a unique opportunity to compare these two perspectives and will strengthen and elaborate on the ORI Faculty Survey results.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Interview Protocol	Faculty	100	1	2	200
Interview Protocol	Doctoral Student Graduates	100	1	2	200
Total					400

Seleda Perryman,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request; 30-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to

minimize the information collection burden. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-5683. Send written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections within 30 days of this notice directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer; faxed to OMB at 202-395-5806.

Proposed Project: HITECH Act Breach Notification—OMB No. 0990-0346-Extension-Office of Civil Rights.