

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.

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

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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

burden to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, GSA Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the Regulatory Secretariat, (VPR), General Services Administration, Room 4041, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0080, Final Payment Under Building Services Contract, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

GSAR clause 552.232-72 requires building services contractors to submit a release of claims before final payment is made.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 2000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Hours per Response: .1.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0080, Final Payment Under Building Services Contract, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

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Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[FMR Bulletin 2009-B1]

Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This bulletin cancels and replaces GSA Bulletin FPMR D-245, Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace, which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1997 (62 FR 54461). This bulletin announces and provides details of a recent amendment to Federal Management Regulation, Part 102-74, Facility Management, revising the restrictions on the smoking of tobacco products in leased or owned space under the jurisdiction, custody or control of the Administrator of General Services. The revisions to the smoking

policy also serve as a best practices model for other federal agencies.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further clarification of content, contact Stanley C. Langfeld, Director, Regulations Management Division (MPR), General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20405; or stanley.langfeld@gsa.gov.

Dated: December 11, 2008.

Gary Klein,

Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA FMR Bulletin 2009-B1]

Public Buildings and Space

TO: Heads of Executive Agencies.

SUBJECT: Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace.

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin announces the policy concerning the protection of federal employees and the public from exposure to tobacco smoke in the federal workplace.

2. *Expiration Date.* This bulletin contains information of a continuing nature and will remain in effect until canceled.

3. *Background.*

a. On August 9, 1997, President Clinton signed Executive Order (EO) 13058, entitled "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace," to establish a smoke-free environment for federal employees and members of the public visiting or using federal facilities (62 FR 43451, August 13, 1997).

b. On October 20, 1997, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) issued GSA Bulletin FPMR D-245, "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace" (62 FR 54461). In accordance with the requirements of EO 13058, GSA Bulletin FPMR D-245 prohibited the smoking of tobacco products in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the executive branch of the Federal Government, except in specially-equipped designated smoking areas, outdoor areas in front of air intake ducts and certain other residential and non-federal occupied space. The bulletin also required the heads of executive agencies to evaluate the need to restrict smoking in courtyards and near doorways.

c. Studies conducted since the issuance of GSA Bulletin FPMR D-245 have concluded that cigarette smoking is the number one preventable cause of morbidity and premature mortality worldwide. Studies also have shown that the harmful effects of smoking are not confined solely to the smoker, but extend to co-workers and members of the general public who are exposed to secondhand smoke as well. Recognition of these facts is evidenced by the stricter laws on smoking enacted by several states over the past ten years. Twenty-six states have banned smoking entirely in all of their state government buildings and 19 have banned smoking in all private work places.

d. EO 13058 encourages the heads of executive agencies to evaluate the need to further restrict smoking at doorways and in courtyards under executive branch control and authorizes the agency heads to restrict smoking in these areas in light of this evaluation.

e. The policy requirements announced by this bulletin are applicable to leased or owned space under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA. In addition, federally leased space located in a privately owned building is subject to state and local government smoking restrictions, if the restrictions are more stringent than the federal policy.

f. The revisions to the previous smoking policy may affect conditions of employment for employees. Where there is an exclusive representative for the employees, executive branch agencies will be required to meet their collective bargaining obligations under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 71, Labor-Management Relations, before the revisions to the previous smoking policy can be implemented.

4. *Action.*

a. As ordered by EO 13058, it is the policy of the executive branch to establish a smoke-free environment for federal employees and members of the public visiting or using federal facilities. In furtherance of this policy, executive agencies must prohibit the smoking of tobacco products in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the executive branch of the Federal Government, and in any outdoor areas under executive branch control in front of air intake ducts. In addition, effective [insert date 6 months after publication of FMR amendment on smoking, FMR Case 2008-102-3], smoking is prohibited in courtyards and within 25 feet of doorways and air intake ducts on outdoor space under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA. This date provides a six-month phase-in period