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**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 application 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.

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 16, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *American State Bancshares, Inc.*, Great Bend, Kansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Rose Hill Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Rose Hill Bank, both in Rose Hill, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 17, 2011.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[CFDA 93.019]

### Single Source Cooperative Agreement Award for the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Health Studies

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy and Planning (OPP), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In FY2011, HHS/ASPR/OPP plans to provide a Single Source Cooperative Agreement Award to GMI to strengthen Panama's laboratory diagnostic capacity for emerging infectious disease threats including select bio-terrorism agents and novel influenza viruses. The amount of Single Source award is \$200,000. The project period is: September 30, 2011 to September 29, 2012.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ASPR will exercise sole administrative oversight of this cooperative agreement. ASPR will also collaborate with HHS–Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to coordinate the provision of technical expertise needed for GMI to become a member of the LRN. GMI will then implement critical laboratory diagnostic capacities, including personnel training and infrastructure improvement to meet the standards to become an international affiliate of LRN.

This collaboration seeks to expand the laboratory diagnostic capacity of Panama and the Central American Region as GMI is a national and regional reference laboratory for several infectious diseases. The work will be performed to support the implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s International Health Regulations [IHR (2005)] in Panama and in the context of Article 44 of the IHR (2005), which directs State Parties to collaborate with each other to detect, assess, and respond to events, and to develop, strengthen, and maintain core capacities for disease surveillance and response to public health emergencies.

#### Single Source Justification

GMI is a public health institution within the Ministry of Health of Panama which provides research, public health services and advice on public health policy development. It was created in 1928 and was primarily funded by the United State Government (USG) until 1991. GMI was named after General William Crawford Gorgas, the U.S.

Army physician who managed control efforts of yellow fever, malaria and other diseases during the building of the Panama Canal. GMI contributes to improve the health of the population of Panama and Central America by acting as a national reference public health laboratory to diagnose diseases like yellow fever, malaria, measles, tuberculosis, arbovirus febrile illness, viral encephalitides, influenza, dengue, hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome, and all endemic viral and bacterial diseases. Most recently GMI became a World Bank-Pan-American Health Organization reference laboratory for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) for the Central American region. GMI has well-established laboratories of virology, parasitology, immunology, genomics, entomology and food and water chemistry. GMI also has departments of epidemiology and biostatistics, chronic disease studies, health policy, and health and human reproduction studies. This infrastructure positions GMI as a key institution in Panama's national research and public health systems.

In 2006, GMI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HHS to identify joint opportunities to improve preparedness for and response to infectious diseases, placing specific emphasis on influenza and other respiratory diseases. To further the goals of the MOU, GMI was awarded two cooperative agreements by HHS–ASPR to increase its virology diagnostic capacity and strengthen the surveillance of influenza virus in Panama and Central American, and to develop a Regional Health Care Training Center (RHCTC) for health care workers of the Central American and Caribbean region. These cooperative agreements helped to establish the first country-wide sentinel influenza surveillance network, and a BSL–3 laboratory virology suite that was built and inaugurated in 2010. In addition, complementary epidemiological and laboratory training efforts took place at the RHCTC benefitting more than 5,000 professionals from Panama, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and Dominican Republic. Based on the capacities developed under these projects, the GMI was designated as Panama's "National Influenza Center" by the World Health Organization (WHO).

By supporting GMI to become a qualified member of the LRN, the USG will increase its international network of laboratories that are fully equipped to detect, assess and report the outbreak of emerging infectious diseases including