

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 December 4, 2003.

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

1. *Carolina Financial Corporation*, Charleston, South Carolina; to acquire certain assets and assume certain liabilities of *Crescent Mortgage Services, Inc.*, Atlanta, Georgia, and thereby engage in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 13, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Evaluation of the Process Required to Effectively Expand the National Laboratory System (NLS) to All States—New—Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In October 2000, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) collaborated to support demonstration projects designed to test the feasibility of strengthening the relationship between private clinical and public health laboratories to more rapidly identify and respond to emerging problems of public health importance. The National Laboratory System (NLS) concept was proposed because of concerns about the potential impact that a lack of integration among clinical and public health laboratories could have on the ability of the public health system to

identify and carry out a timely response to foodborne illnesses, bioterrorism incidents or other emerging diseases.

NLS demonstration projects are funded in four states—Washington, Michigan, Minnesota and Nebraska.

The NLS concept would promote communication and collaboration between clinical laboratories and state public health laboratories within their states. CDC is now proposing to collect data from all state public health laboratory directors and from a sample of clinical laboratories in each state to determine the interest within states in implementing the NLS concept. Results of the data collection will be stratified by state and used to assist each state's public health laboratory in improving communication and collaboration with the clinical laboratories in their state. As more states implement the systems, the ability to respond to national emergencies through individual state systems, would be improved.

The goals of the data collection are:

- To determine the barriers that must be overcome to expand the NLS concept in other states.
- To determine the readiness of states to develop relationships with clinical laboratories.
- To determine the most effective communication links for sharing information among state public health laboratories and clinical laboratories within the state.
- To understand what topics of public health significance could be addressed in each state if communication and coordination between the clinical and state public health laboratories were improved.
- To determine the most successful approach state laboratories should use based on the organizational structure and climate of the state health department. The estimated annual burden is 325 hours.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of re-sponses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)
Survey of State Public Health Directors in States Without NLS	50	1	30/60
Survey of Clinical Laboratory Directors in All States	600	1	30/60

Dated: November 13, 2003.

Laura Yerdon Martin,

Acting Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for Regional Offices

This Notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KD, the Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families for: Region I, as last amended (61 FR 50029-30) September 24, 1996; Region II, as last amended (61 FR 18147-49) April 24, 1996, and (60 FR 21211-12) May 1, 1995; Region III, as last amended (61 FR 68045) April 26, 1996; Region IV, as last amended (62 FR 15897-99) April 3, 1997; Region V, as last amended (65 FR 8173-74) February 17, 2000; Region VI, as last amended (61 FR 18147-49) April 24, 1996, and (60 FR 27315-16) May 23, 1995; Region VII, as last amended (61 FR 3937-38) February 2, 1996; Region VIII, as last amended (61 FR 52565-66) October 8, 1997; Region IX, as last amended (62 FR 31610-11) June 10, 1997; and Region X, as last amended (61 FR 68045-47) December 26, 1996.

This Notice reflects the elimination of the five-region "Hub" structure and the re-establishment of a ten-region organizational structure.

Each Regional Office is headed by a Regional Administrator who serves as the principal senior official for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in providing executive leadership, direction and coordination of ACF programs, goals and priorities in the ten Regional Offices.

I. Chapter KD Is Amended as Follows

A. Delete KD.00 Mission in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD.00 Mission. The Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) operate with ten Regional Offices and are located as follows: Region I Boston, MA; Region II New York, NY; Region III Philadelphia, PA; Region IV Atlanta, GA; Region V Chicago, IL; Region VI Dallas, TX;

Region VII Kansas City, MO; Region VIII Denver, CO; Region IX San Francisco, CA; and Region X Seattle, WA.

Each Regional Office in its respective region represents ACF to state, county, city or town, territories, and tribal governments, grantees, and public and private local organizations in the administration of programs that assist vulnerable and dependent children and families in achieving independence, stability, and self-reliance. These programs include: Child Support Enforcement (CSE), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Welfare, Child Care and Development Fund, Child Abuse and Neglect, Runaway and Homeless Youth, and Developmental Disabilities.

The ACF Regional Offices oversee the programmatic and financial management and coordination of the ACF programs in the regions and provide guidance and assistance to the various entities responsible for administering these programs. They monitor the programs to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and adherence to program and fiscal policies and procedures. They contribute to the development of ACF national policy based on knowledge of implementation and services in the region. The ACF Regional Offices review and approve state plans and, if warranted, submit recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families for state plan disapproval. They issue grant awards directly for certain programs, and make recommendations to approve and/or disapprove grant awards for other programs. They advise the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families of problems and issues that may have significant regional or national impact. The ACF Regional Offices act as liaison with the entities responsible for administering the programs, other Federal agencies, and public and private local organizations serving children and families. They develop plans to meet ACF goals and objectives and HHS initiatives. They participate in regional activities to inform the public about ACF programs in coordination with the ACF Office of Public Affairs and the Office of the Secretary at the regional level.

II. Region I, Boston Office of ACF

A. Delete KD1.10 Organization in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD1.10 Organization. The Administration for Children and Families, Region I, Boston Office has a

goal-driven structure and is organized as follows:

Office of the Regional Administrator (KD1A)

Goal#1—Family Self Sufficiency

Goal#2—Healthy Children, Families and Communities

Goal#3—Financial Management

B. Delete KD1.20 Functions, Paragraph A, in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD1.20 Functions. A. The Regional Office is headed by a Regional Administrator who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families through the Director, Office of Regional Operations. In addition, the Office of the Regional Administrator has a Deputy Regional Administrator. The Office provides executive leadership to state, county, city, territorial and tribal governments, as well as public and private local grantees to ensure effective, efficient, results-oriented program and financial management. In addition, the Regional Administrator is responsible for alerting the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families through the Director, Office of Regional Operations to issues that may have significant regional and/or national impact. ACF's primary goal is to assist vulnerable and dependent children and families to achieve economic independence, stability and self-reliance. The Office is responsible for providing centralized management and technical administration of ACF formula, block, entitlement and discretionary grant programs which are designed to assist families achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency, and to ensure that children have safe, healthy and permanent environments in which to grow. It oversees ACF operations and the management of ACF regional staff, coordinates activities across regional programs; and assures that goals and objectives are met and departmental and agency initiatives are carried out.

In order to ensure that agency goals are accomplished, the Office of the Regional Administrator provides leadership to grantees through a staff organized around and focused on ACF goals and priorities. ACF programs and functions are grouped within offices according to ACF goals and priorities. Each group reports to a goal leader charged with achieving measurable progress towards ACF goals and priorities, through its work with state and local grantees, the public, other Federal agencies and internally within the Department. The Regional goal structure is designed to allow ACF to respond quickly in a dynamic and changing environment to emphasize,