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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. 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 March 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. NBT Bancorp Inc., Norwich, New York; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and thereby merge with Pioneer American Holding Company Corp., Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and thereby indirectly acquire Pioneer American Bank, National Association, Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

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Robert deV. Frierson,
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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 March 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Heartland Bancshares, Inc.*, Lenox, Iowa; to retain Union Bank USA, Lenox, Iowa, and thereby engage in operating a federal savings bank, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. Applicant currently operates Union Bank, USA as First Community National Bank.

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Associate Secretary of the Board.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

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

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-00-2]

Fiscal Year 2000 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.
ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications for the Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States Program, to (1) develop models of assistance for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families, and (2) improve the responsiveness of existing home and community based care systems for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their families.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS: Eligibility for grant awards is limited to state agencies. Only one application per state will be accepted. Applicants must provide a letter from their state's Governor designating the applicant agency as the sole applicant for the state. Grantees are required to provide a 25% non-federal match during the first year, 35% during the second year, and 45% during the third year of the grant.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for fourteen (14) to twenty (20) projects that develop services and assistance, and improve the home and community based care system to better respond to the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is April 21, 2000.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aging, 200 Independence Ave., SW, HHH Building, Room 309-F, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/401-4547 or 202/401-4634.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Jeanette C. Takamura,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-0001]

Leveraging—Collaborating With Stakeholders; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing two public meetings entitled "Leveraging—Collaborating with Stakeholders." The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ways in which FDA can better leverage its expertise and resources by working with outside organizations. Participants may include, but are not limited to, academia, consumer groups, scientific experts, industry, public health providers, States, and other Government agencies.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on March 23, 2000. The second meeting will be held on April 12, 2000. For additional information regarding

registration and the location and time of the meetings see table 1 in section III of this document.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, e-mail: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov or to the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov>.

REGISTRATION AND REQUESTS FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address) and requests to make oral presentations, to the appropriate contact person listed in table 1 of section III of this document by March 17, 2000, for the California meeting and by April 5, 2000, for the North Carolina meeting. Because space is limited, it is necessary to register in advance of the meetings and by the appropriate deadlines. Participants who wish to make a formal oral presentation should register with the appropriate contact for "speaker registration" identified by meeting in table 1 of section III of this document by the same deadlines listed above. Presentations will be limited to the questions and subject matter identified under section I of this document. All registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Speakers will be chosen in order of registration. All other comments should be sent to the Dockets Management Branch (address above).

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please indicate such at the time of registration.

You may register by e-mail, at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/leveraging/stakeholders2000>.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia Cox, Office of the Commissioner (HF-10), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-3409, FAX 301-594-6807, e-mail Vcox@oc.fda.gov. Local contact information is listed in table I of section III of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is exploring new opportunities to leverage its own assets by working with other organizations in order to carry out its public health mission effectively in the 21st century. These collaborations are intended to have a larger net public health benefit to the American public than would be possible if FDA worked alone. The agency is currently working closely with a diverse set of partners, including public health organizations, scientific experts, other

Federal regulators, States, industry and consumers, to expand these benefits. Leveraging activities are prominent in every major area of FDA responsibility, including:

- (1) Safety related research,
- (2) Safety review for new products,
- (3) Monitoring safety of products on the market,
- (4) Assuring industry compliance with safety regulations, and
- (5) Patient/consumer education on the safe use of products.

The agency would like to expand these leveraging initiatives in order to address the increasingly complex regulatory challenges of this millennium.

In the section II. A. and B. of this document, FDA has provided illustrations of collaborative projects that are currently ongoing and those that are proposed. As you read through both sections, please respond to the following questions, as appropriate; these initiatives and questions will be discussed at the stakeholders meetings:

1. Does your organization share an interest in any of these initiatives?
2. If so, what role would your organization play in this initiative, and what could you contribute?
3. Do you have suggestions for improving FDA's approach to any of the leveraging initiatives?
4. Do you have suggestions for other organizations that would benefit from working with FDA on these types of efforts?
5. Are there other initiatives not listed below that you would suggest as a possibility for collaborative efforts between FDA and your organization or other organizations?

A. Examples of Ongoing Initiatives

1. Safety-Related Research—National Center for Food Safety and the Technology (Moffett Center)

The Moffett Center is a collaboration with industry, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois' Food Science Department. The Moffett Center was established in 1987 to address food safety, specifically food processing and packaging technologies. The collaborative programs positioned the Moffett Center as a focal point of FDA's participation in research and technology outreach associated with the President's Food Safety Initiative focus on preventing and reducing foodborne contamination. The scope of food safety information and expertise achieved through this participation far outreaches the work any one member could accomplish to answer critical food safety questions. A recent expansion of