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The Commission has also determined to permit interested persons to make oral presentations in this proceeding. At the discretion of individual Commissioners, interested persons may request one-on-one meetings at which they may make presentations describing their views on the petition. Any meeting or meetings shall be completed before the close of the comment period. A summary or transcript of each oral presentation will be included in the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission within 5 days of the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

The Commission has determined to waive the service requirements found at 46 CFR 502.114(b). Instead, copies of all filed comments, and copies of summaries or transcripts of oral presentations, may be viewed on the Commission's web page at <http://www.fmc.gov>.

By the Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### [Petition P3-03]

#### **Petition of United Parcel Service, Inc. for Exemption Pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 To Permit Negotiation, Entry and Performance of Service Contracts; Reopening of Comment Period; Oral Presentations**

United Parcel Service, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1715, and 46 CFR 502.67, for an exemption from the Shipping Act, to permit it to negotiate, enter into and perform service contracts. The period for the filing of comments in response to the petition closed on October 10, 2003.

The Commission has determined to re-open the comment period. Interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition, or in reply to comments already received, no later than January 16, 2004. Comments shall consist of an original and 15 copies, and shall be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20573-0001. It is also requested that a copy be submitted in electronic form (WordPerfect, Word or ASCII) on diskette, or e-mailed to [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov).

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By the Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://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 December 15, 2003.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**  
(Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Midland States Bancorp, Inc.*, Effingham, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of Sun Security Bank of America, Ellington, Missouri.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**  
(W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Professional Capital, Inc.*, Dallas, Texas and Professional Capital of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring all of the shares of Professional Bank, National Association, Dallas, Texas (a *de novo* bank).

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

**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/](http://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**

**[30DAY-71-03]**

**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