

### 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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. 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 13, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:  
1. *Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Today's Bancorp, Inc., Freeport, Illinois, and thereby

indirectly acquire Today's Bank-East, Freeport, Illinois, and Today's Bank-West, Galena, Illinois; and Mercantile Bancorporation of Illinois, St. Louis, Missouri, a second-tier holding company subsidiary of Mercantile Bancorporation Inc., to merge with Today's Bancorp, Inc., Freeport, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Today's Bank-East, Freeport, Illinois, and Today's Bank-West, Galena, Illinois.

In connection with this application Mercantile Bancorporation Inc., also has applied to acquire Today's Insurance Source Agency, Inc., East Dubuque, Illinois, and thereby engage in insurance agency activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(8)(iii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 15, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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### 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 that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) 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. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a

hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

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 September 4, 1996.

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

1. *First Commercial Corporation*, Little Rock, Arkansas; to engage in the leasing of personal property, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(5) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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Jennifer J. Johnson

*Deputy Secretary of the Board*

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### GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

#### The Federal Register Online Via GPO Access; Meeting and Demonstration

The United States Government Printing Office (GPO) will hold a meeting for Federal agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations and the public interested in an overview and demonstration of the Government Printing Office's online service, *GPO Access*, provided under the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-40).

The demonstration will be held at the United States Government Printing Office, Carl Hayden Room, 8th Floor, 732 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC, on Tuesday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. GPO is accessible via the Metro from Union Station, using the Red Line.

The online Federal Register service offers access to the daily issues of the Federal Register by 6 a.m. on the day of publication at no charge to the user. All notices, rules and proposed rules, Presidential documents, executive orders, separate parts, and reader aids are included in the database. Documents are available as ASCII text files and in typeset form as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Graphics

are included in the PDF files and are also available as separate files in the TIFF format for the 1994 (Volume 59) Federal Register. The online Federal Register is available via the Internet via the World Wide Web (URL: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces140.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html)), using WAIS client software or as a dial-in service. Historical data is available from January 1994 forward.

Other databases currently available online through GPO Access include the *Government Manual*; *GILS Records*; *The Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997*; *Congressional Record*; *Congressional Record Index*, including the *History of Bills*; *Congressional Bills*; *Public Laws*; *U.S. Code*; and *GAO Reports*; and a growing list of important Government documents available on the same day of publication.

Individuals interested in attending may reserve a space by contacting John R. Berger, Marketing Specialist, at the GPO's Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services, by Internet e-mail at [jberger@gpo.gov](mailto:jberger@gpo.gov); by telephone: 202-512-1525; or by fax: 202-512-1262. Seating reservations will be accepted through Friday, September 13, 1996.

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Public Printer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Request for Public Comments Concerning the Implementation and Management of Child Welfare Training for Which Federal Financial Participation Is Available Under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Children's Bureau, in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families administers the title IV-E training program which provides funds to States to assist with the training of public agency staff, foster and adoptive parents, and private agency staff. Federal financial participation (FFP) is available for a portion of the costs States

incur in the delivery of appropriate and approved child welfare training. The Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations with respect to title IV-E training. The relevant regulations are at 45 CFR 235.63-.66(a), and 45 CFR 1356.60 (b) and (c). This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns which have been identified in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. These comments will help to inform the Children's Bureau in clarifying the existing policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before October 21, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments (preferably in duplicate) to Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associated Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013; 202-205-8618.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With the enactment of Public Law 96-272, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, the provisions for claiming Federal financial participation (FFP) in the costs of training under title IV-E were established. Over the past six years two policy documents have been developed by the Department to provide guidance on a number of title IV-E training issues. The issues which have been dealt with in these documents include: (1) clarification of the availability of Federal financial participation (FFP) for different types of training, certain categories of training recipients, and specific cost items based on interpretations of existing statutes and regulations; (2) differential treatment of direct and indirect costs for purposes of obtaining different levels of FFP; and (3) a restatement of the requirement for cost allocation in order to secure FFP.

Policy Announcement (PA) ACYF-90-01, dated June 14, 1990, explained the availability of 75 percent Federal financial participation (FFP), to the extent costs are allocable to title IV-E, for several types of training.

Information Memorandum ACF-IM-91-15, dated July 24, 1991, provided a background on the statutory and regulatory provisions providing for a 75 percent title IV-E training matching rate. It also reiterated the requirement to

allocate training costs among all benefitting programs.

In addition to these policy documents, the DHHS Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) has dealt with several title IV-E training issues relating to the applicable rate of FFP and the requirement for cost allocation in its Decisions 1214, 1422, and 1530.

Numerous issues have arisen in response to policy interpretations contained in the policy documents and DAB decisions cited above. As a result, the Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations for the benefit of all parties who deal with the benefit from title IV-E training. This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns that have arisen in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. The Children's Bureau will address all relevant comments in clarifying the current policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Olivia A. Golden,  
Commissioner, Administration on Children,  
Youth and Families.

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## Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

### Proposed Projects

**Title:** Uniform requirements for four State grant programs authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, i.e. Basic State Grant, Medical Neglect/Disabled Infants Grant, Children's Justice Act Grant and the Community Based Family Resource Program.

**OMB No.:** 0980-0257.

**Description:** The reports are used by NCCAN, the Regional Administrators and the States as a mechanism for monitoring the expenditure of funds and in evaluating and measuring State achievements in addressing the problems of child abuse and neglect. The reports are also used by NCCAN for the development of reliable comprehensive information and data from Statewide, regional and national perspectives upon which policy and program decisions may be based, research, service and demonstration priorities established, and information and recommendation provided to the Congress.

**Respondents:** State, Local and Tribal Govt.