

4. *Acquisition of Securities.*

Consolidated seeks authorization to reacquire shares of any monthly or quarterly income preferred securities that may be issued pursuant to authorization in this proceeding. All of the other Applicants seek authorization to repurchase shares of their common stock and preferred stock from their parent companies. In each case, there is no limitation as to amount.

5. *Charter Amendments.* Consolidated proposes to amend its certificate of incorporation to increase its authorized common stock and to authorize a new class of preferred stock. Consolidated requests the Commission to reserve jurisdiction over the amendments to its certificate of incorporation pending completion of the record and filing of related documents under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. One or more supplemental orders may be issued by the Commission authorizing such amendments without further public notice in the Federal Register. The Applicants, other than Consolidated, propose to increase the amount of their authorized common stock up to a maximum of twice the current authorized amount, and to change or eliminate the par value of such stock.

6. *Financing Entities.* In connection with the issuance of monthly and quarterly income preferred securities, Consolidated, CNG Energy, CNG Storage, CNG Power, CNG Producing, and CNG Financial seek authorization to organize new corporations, trusts, partnerships or other entities created for the purpose of facilitating such financings. Request is made for the acquisition by such Applicants of voting interests or equity securities issued by the financing entity to establish such Applicant's ownership of the financing entity (the equity portion of the entity generally being created through a capital contribution or the purchase of equity securities, such as shares of stock or partnership interests, involving an amount usually ranging from 1-3% of the capitalization of the financing entity).

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, S.W., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss such matters as may be presented by Advisory Board members, staff of the SBA, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mary Ann Holl, SBA, 4th Floor, 409 3rd Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-7302.

Dated: February 1, 1996

Bill Combs,

Associate Administrator for Office of Communication and Public Liaison

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First Capital Group of Texas II, L.P., Notice of Filing of an Application for a License to Operate as a Small Business Investment Company

[Application No. 99000193]

Notice is hereby given of the filing of an application with the Small Business Administration (SBA) pursuant to Section 107.102 of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.102 (1996)) by First Capital Group of Texas II, L.P. at 750 East Mulberry, Suite 305, San Antonio, Texas 78212 for a license to operate as a small business investment company (SBIC) under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, (15 U.S.C. *et. seq.*), and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicant will invest primarily in small business concerns located throughout Texas, however, investments in attractive situations outside of Texas will not be precluded. In addition to its principal office in San Antonio, Texas, the applicant is planning to establish a branch office in Austin, Texas.

First Capital Group Investment Partners, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, will serve as the General Partner of the Applicant. First Capital Group Management Company, L.C. (Investment Advisor/Manager), is the general partner of the General Partner and will manage the Applicant's operations. Jeffrey P. Blanchard, Wm. Ward Greenwood, and John J. Locy are the managers of the Investment Adviser/Manager and are responsible for the

day-to-day management and operations of the applicant. These three investment professionals have over 50 years of combined experience in the management of venture capital investment partnerships and SBICs.

The following limited partners will own 10 percent or more of the proposed SBIC:

Name	Percentage of ownership
International Bank of Commerce	28.8
Alamo Group Inc.	19.2

International Bank of Commerce has assets of approximately \$2 billion and is the largest commercial banking organization on the Texas-Mexico border with operations in Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, McAllen, San Antonio, and a number of smaller cities throughout south Texas. The Alamo Group Inc. is a leading manufacturer of high quality, tractor mounted mowing and grounds maintenance equipment for governmental and agricultural end users.

The applicant will begin operations with Regulatory Capital of \$10.3 million. Additional capital commitments are being sought in the expectation of bringing the aggregate private capital of the applicant to \$20.5 million, including a \$500,000 commitment from the General Partner. The applicant plans to invest in well-managed small businesses based in Texas in need of expansion capital that are engaged in a variety of industries having the potential for growth in earnings and equity value.

Matters involved in SBA's consideration of the application include the general business reputation and character of the proposed owners and management, and the probability of successful operations of the new company under their management, including profitability and financial soundness in accordance with the Act and Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any person may, not later than 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, submit written comments on the proposed SBIC to the Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

A copy of this Notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in San Antonio, Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies).

Dated: Thursday, February 1, 1996.
Don A. Christensen,
Associate Administrator for Investment.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Intelligence and Research

[Public Notice No. 2323]

Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces that the Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) will convene on April 26, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1105, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Advisory Committee will recommend grant recipients for the FY 1996 competition of the Program for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union in connection with the "Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, as amended." The agenda will include: opening statements by the Chairman and members of the Committee and, within the Committee, discussion, approval, and recommendation that the Department of State negotiate grant agreements with certain "national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union," based on the guidelines contained in the call for applications published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995. Following committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program in general.

This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendance will be limited to the seating available. Entry into the Department of State building is controlled and must be arranged in advance of the meeting. Those planning to attend should notify Joanne Bramble, INR/RES, U.S. Department of State, (202) 736-4572, by April 19, 1996, providing their date of birth, Social Security number, and any requirements for special needs. All attendees must use the 2201 C Street, NW., entrance to the building. Visitors who arrive without prior notification and without a photo ID will not be admitted.

Dated: January 23, 1996.
Kenneth E. Roberts,
Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.
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[Public Notice No. 2328]

International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc on ITU Regional Development Conferences; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces the first meeting of the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc to prepare for Regional Development Conferences (RDCs) of the international Telecommunication Union (ITU). The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Room 1107, Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of ITAC is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operations matters and to provide strategic planning recommendations, with respect to international telecommunications and information issues. To assist in preparations for related international meetings, the Department has established an ITAC Ad Hoc group to deal with preparations for upcoming RDCs of the ITU. Such conferences are now scheduled for the ITU Africa Region in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 6-10 May; and for the ITU middle East Region in Beirut, Lebanon, November 11-15.

The agenda for the meeting will cover how the U.S. will organize its preparations to address the three broad themes of the RDC: (1) Policies and Strategies; (2) Development of Networks; and (3) Financing. Questions regarding the agenda or Ad Hoc activities in general may be directed to Doreen McGirr, Department of State, at 202-647-5231.

Members of the general public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. In this regard, entry to the building is controlled. If you wish to attend, please send a fax to 202-647-5957 not later than 2 days before the scheduled meeting. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: February 5, 1996.
Richard E. Shrum,
ITAC Executive Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Public Meeting on Launch Requirements and Future Space Transportation Needs for Low Earth Orbit Market Demands

Notice is hereby given that the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT) formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation (60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995), will convene a public meeting in order to collect information from interested parties that would assist in defining launch requirements and in projecting future space transportation needs to support Low Earth Orbit (LEO) market demands. The meeting will be held on February 20, 1996 at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, D.C., Room 4436 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The data and information gathered as a result of this meeting will be used to update prior studies of the LEO market that the Office released initially in March 1994 and updated in May 1995. Both the March 1994 release and the May 1995 update were completed on the basis of information collected at a public meeting on February 10, 1994, through written submittals to the Office and Office research. As before, the Office is undertaking the assessment in support of DOT's participation in various interagency working groups on space transportation and the efforts by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to negotiate and monitor compliance with commercial space launch trade agreements between the U.S. and various countries with economies in transition offering commercial space launch services.

Specifically, the Office is interested in obtaining projections of the number of LEO payloads that will be launched between the years 1996-2005, as well as assessments of the types of services that may result from LEO satellites and their applications (e.g., remote sensing, mobile communications). The Office is also interested in obtaining short- and long-range projections of the potential revenues that may be generated by these