

Applications, Requests, Submittals, Delegations of Authority, and Notices Required To Be Filed by Statute or Regulation.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (202) 416-2449 (Voice); (202) 416-2004 (TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: September 16, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR Part 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

International Globtrade, Inc. d/b/a JAB Forwarding, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1522, Chicago, IL 60604, Officers: Spiro Jankovich, President Frederick W. Amft, Vice President

Perfect West Inc., 17813 S. Main St., Suite #116, Gardena, CA 90248, Officer: Sung Woo Won, President

Castine Forwarding, Inc., 1235 Chestnut Street, Athol, MA 01331, Officers: Donald R. Castine, President, Cheney M. Castine, Vice President.

Dated: September 16, 1997.

Joseph C. Polking,

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. 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 October 14, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *First Banks, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Surety Bank, Vallejo, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 15, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KD, The Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families (62 FR 31610), as last amended, June 10, 1997. This Notice reflects the realignment of functions in Region 5. This Chapter is amended as follows:

After the end of KD4.20 Functions (62 FR 15897, 04/03/97), Paragraph D, and before KD6.10 Organization (60 FR 27315, 05/23/95), insert the following:

KD5.10 Organization. The Administration for Children and Families, Region 5, is organized as follows: Office of the Regional Hub Director (KD5A), Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs (KD5C), Office of Community Programs (KD5D),

KD5.20 Functions. A. The Office of the Regional Hub Director is headed by a Director, who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families through the Director, Office of Regional Operations. In addition, the Office of the Regional Hub Director has a Deputy Regional Administrator. The Office is responsible for the Administration for Children and Families' key national goals and priorities. It represents ACF's regional interests, concerns, and relationships within the Department and among other Federal agencies and focuses on State agency culture change, more effective partnerships, and improved customer service. The Office provides executive leadership and direction to state, county, city, and tribal governments, as well as public and private local grantees to ensure effective and efficient program and financial management. It ensures that these entities conform to federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures governing the programs, and exercises all delegated authorities and responsibilities for oversight of the programs.

The Office takes action to approve state plans and submits its recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families concerning state plan disapproval. The

Office contributes to the development of national policy based on regional perspectives for all ACF programs. It oversees ACF operations and the management of ACF regional staff; coordinates activities across regional programs; and assures that goals and objectives are carried out. The Office alerts the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families to problems and issues that may have significant regional or national impact. It represents ACF at the regional level in executive communications within ACF, with the HHS Regional Director, other HHS operating divisions, other federal agencies, and public or private local organizations representing children and families.

Within the Office of the Regional Hub Director, an administrative staff assists the Regional Hub Director. The staff directs the development of regional work plans related to the overall ACF strategic plan; tracks, monitors and reports on regional progress in the attainment of ACF national goals and objectives; and manages special and sensitive projects. It serves as the focal point for public affairs and contacts with the media, public awareness activities, information dissemination and education campaigns in accordance with the ACF Office of Public Affairs and in conjunction with the HHS Regional Director; and assists the Regional Hub Director in the management of cross-cutting initiatives and activities among the regional components.

The Office provides day-to-day support for regional administrative functions, oversees the management and coordination of automated systems in the region, and provides data management support to all Regional Office components. Administrative functions include budget planning and execution, facility management, employee relations, and human resources development. Data management responsibilities include the development of automated systems application to support and enhance program, fiscal, and administrative operation, and the compilation and analysis of data on demographic and service trends that assist in monitoring and oversight responsibilities.

The Office is responsible for the effective and efficient management of internal ACF automation process. Staff performs an independent grants management function to support the grants processing in the office.

B. The Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs is headed by an Assistant Regional Administrator who reports to the Regional Hub Director and consists

of Child Support Enforcement Branch; Child Welfare Branch; and Family Independence/Child Care Branch.

The Office is responsible for providing centralized program, financial management and technical administration of certain ACF formula, entitlement, discretionary and block grant programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Support Enforcement, Child Care and Development Fund, Child Welfare Services, Family Preservation and Support, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, and Child Abuse and Neglect and for oversight of state systems projects for ACF programs. In coordination with other Regional Office components, it monitors state systems projects and is the focal point for technical assistance to states and grantees on the development and enhancement of automated systems.

In that regard the Office provides policy guidance to states to assure consistent and uniform adherence to federal requirements governing formula and entitlement programs. The Office reviews cost estimates and reports from ACF entitlement and formula grant programs, and recommends funding levels.

A Financial/Grants Management Officer is located in each Branch of the Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs to provide expertise in business and other non-programmatic areas of grants administration and to help ensure that grantees fulfill requirements of law, regulations and administrative policies.

The Office establishes regional financial management priorities; reviews cost allocation plans, and makes recommendations to the Regional Hub Director to approve, defer or disallow claims for federal financial participation in ACF formula and entitlement programs. As applicable, it makes recommendations on the clearance and closure of audits of state and grantee programs, paying particular attention to deficiencies that decrease the efficiency and effectiveness of ACF programs and taking steps to resolve such deficiencies.

The Office represents the Regional Hub Director in dealing with ACF central office, states and grantees on all program and financial management policy matters for programs under its jurisdiction. It alerts the Regional Hub Director to problems or issues that have significant implications for the programs.

C. The Office of Community Programs is headed by an Assistant Regional Administrator who reports to the Regional Hub Director and consists of three Head Start and Youth Branches.

The Office is responsible for providing centralized program, financial management and technical administration of certain ACF discretionary programs, such as Head Start and Runaway and Homeless Youth, as well as the Developmental Disabilities program.

A Financial/Grants Management Officer is located in each Branch of the Office of Community Programs to provide expertise in business and other non-programmatic areas of grants administration and to help ensure that grantees fulfill requirements of law, regulations and administrative policies.

The Office establishes regional financial management priorities; reviews cost allocation plans, and makes recommendations to the Regional Hub Director to approve or disallow costs under ACF discretionary grant programs. The Office issues certain discretionary grant awards based on a review of project objectives, budget projections and proposed funding levels. As applicable, it makes recommendations on the clearance and closure of audits of state and grantee programs, paying particular attention to deficiencies that decrease the efficiency and effectiveness of ACF programs and taking steps to resolve such deficiencies.

The Office represents the Regional Hub Director in dealing with ACF central office, states and grantees on all program and financial management policy matters for programs under its jurisdiction. It alerts the Regional Hub Director to problems or issues that have significant implications for the programs.

Dated: September 12, 1997.

Olivia A. Golden,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0182]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the proposed collections of information listed below have been