

and cost-effective conflict management practices in all aspects of FDIC operations and programs. The Dispute Resolution Specialist, working with the ADR Steering Committee, shall report to the Board of Directors on an annual basis regarding the Corporation's ADR efforts, implementation of this policy, and any revisions or actions necessary.

It is the responsibility of all FDIC employees to implement this policy and to practice and promote cost-effective dispute resolution in FDIC programs and other areas of Corporation operation. All management and employees of the FDIC are hereby directed to take the necessary steps to implement this policy and to cooperate to the fullest extent with the ADR Steering Committee and the Dispute Resolution Specialist (and his/her designee) to promote effective and appropriate use of ADR at the Corporation in furtherance of this policy.

The FDIC welcomes and encourages input on the use of ADR and comment on current and potential uses of ADR from both within and outside the Corporation.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 9th day of December, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Coastal Barrier Improvement Act; Property Availability; State Road 33 South, Lake County, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the property known as State Road 33 South, located in the City of Groveland, Lake County, Florida, is affected by section 10 of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 as specified below.

DATES: Written notice of serious interest to purchase or effect other transfer of all or any portion of this property may be mailed or faxed to the FDIC until March 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of detailed descriptions of this property, including maps, may be obtained from or are available for inspection by contacting the following person: Mr. Richard

Espinoza, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Northeast Service Center, 101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT. 06108, (860) 291-4051; Fax (860) 291-4077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The State Road 33 South property (a.k.a. 11804 State Road 33 South) consists of approximately 100 acres of undeveloped land divided into two tracts in a rural area approximately two miles south of the city limits of the City of Groveland, FL. The legal description of the site is Tracts 1, 2, 15, 16, 34, 47, 48, 49, 50, 63 and 64 in Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 25 East, Groveland Farms, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 10 and 11, Public Records of Lake County, FL. The State Road 33 South property is predominately wetlands and contains dense vegetation. This property is within the State of Florida's Green Swamp Area of Critical Concern and is adjacent to Mill Stream Swamp which is managed by the St. John's River Water Management District for natural resource conservation purposes. This property is covered property within the meaning of Section 10 of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-591 (12 U.S.C. 1441a-3).

Written notice of serious interest in the purchase or other transfer of all or any portion of this property must be received on or before March 18, 1998 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate address stated above.

Eligible Entities

Those entities eligible to submit written notices of serious interest are:

1. Agencies or entities of the Federal government;
2. Agencies or entities of State or local government; and,
3. "Qualified organizations" pursuant to section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 170(h)(3)).

Form of Notice

Written notices of serious interest must be submitted in the following form:

NOTICE OF SERIOUS INTEREST

RE: State Road 33 South

Federal Register Publication Date: December 18, 1997.

1. Entity name.
2. Declaration of eligibility to submit Notice under criteria set forth in the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, P.L. 101-591, section 10(b)(2), (12 U.S.C. 1441a-3(b)(2)), including, for qualified organizations, a determination

letter from the United States Internal Revenue Service regarding the organization's status under section 170(h)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 170(h)(3)).

3. Brief description of proposed terms of purchase or other offer for all or any portion of the property (e.g., price, method of financing, expected closing date, etc.).

4. Declaration of entity that it intends to use the property for wildlife refuge, sanctuary, open space, recreational, historical, cultural, or natural resource conservation purposes (12 U.S.C. 1441a-3(b)(4)), as provided in a clear written description of the purpose(s) to which the property will be put and the location and acreage of the area covered by each purpose(s) including a declaration of entity that it will accept the placement, by the FDIC, of an easement or deed restriction on the property consistent with its intended conservation use(s) as stated in its notice of serious interest.

5. Authorized Representative (Name/Address/Telephone/Fax).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive 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 January 12, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Shore Financial Corporation*, Onley, Virginia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Shore Bank, Onley, Virginia.

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

1. *First United Bancshares, Inc.*, El Dorado, Arkansas; to merge with Citizens National Bancshares of Hope, Inc., Hope, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens National Bank of Hope, Hope, Arkansas, and Peoples Bank and Loan Company, Lewisville, Arkansas.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *FNB Financial Services, Inc. ESOP*, Durant, Oklahoma; to acquire .3 percent of the voting shares of FNB Financial Services, Inc., Durant, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire The First National Bank in Durant, Durant, Oklahoma.

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

Jennifer J. Johnson,

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 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.

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 January 2, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Gold Banc Corporation, Inc.*, Leawood, Kansas; to acquire Midwest Capital Management, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, and thereby indirectly engage in financial and investment advisory activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y; agency transactional services for customer investments including securities brokerage, riskless principal transactions and private placement services, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(7)(i), (ii), and (iii) of the Board's Regulation Y; investment transactions as principal, including underwriting and dealing in government obligations and money market instruments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y; investing and trading activities, i.e. engaging as principal in financial futures, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(ii)(B) of the Board's Regulation Y; providing management consulting advice, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(A) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

S. Ashraf Imam, Ph.D., University of Southern California: Based on an investigation report forwarded to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) by the University of Southern California (USC) as well as information obtained by ORI during its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. Imam, an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, USC, engaged in scientific misconduct by including plagiarized material in a grant application submitted to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, Dr. Imam's NIH grant application contained extensive paraphrasing of the text of another researcher's independent grant application to a state agency. Dr. Imam had been given that application by a colleague in confidence. The colleague was a reviewer on the state grant application and requested that Dr. Imam evaluate it and return the application to him.

The other researcher's application was subsequently funded. Dr. Imam paraphrased or copied into his NIH application all of the other researcher's specific aims, the background on proposed methods, the experimental design and research plan, and most of the references; only the preliminary results sections of Dr. Imam's application were different.

Dr. Imam has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which he has agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning December 8, 1997, to exclude himself voluntarily from:

(1) any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR Part 76 (Debarment Regulations); and

(2) serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

No scientific publications were required to be corrected as part of this Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research