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Dated: February 11, 1998.

Ronald D. Murphy,

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than March 3, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Kevin Roger Hammer*, Hoffman, Minnesota; to acquire voting shares of Hoffman Bancshares, Inc., Hoffman, Minneosta, and thereby indirectly acquire Farmers State Bank of Hoffman, Hoffman, Minneosta.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 March 13, 1998.

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

1. *Union Planters Corporation*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Merchants Bancshares, Inc., Houston, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Gulf Southwest Nevada Bancorp, Inc., Houston, Texas, and Merchants Bank, Houston, Texas.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Funds Management Group, Inc., Houston, Texas, and thereby engage in financial and investment advisory activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y, and to engage in agency transactional services for customer investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout the State of Texas.

2. *Union Planters Corporation*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire 100

percent of the voting shares of Peoples First Corporation, Paducah, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Peoples National Bank & Trust Company, Paducah, Kentucky.

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

1. *Morrill Bancshares, Inc.*, Sabetha, Kansas; to acquire 47.71 percent of the voting shares of Century Acquisition Corporation, Hurst, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire City National Bank, Kilgore, Texas.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Zions Bancorporation*, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Val Cor Bancorporation, Inc., Cortez, Colorado; to merge with SBT Bancshares, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank and Trust of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In connection with this application, Applicants have also applied to acquire SBT Mortgage, LLC, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and thereby engage in mortgage lending activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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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 March 3, 1998.

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

1. Morrill Bancshares, Inc., Sebetha, Kansas, and Morrill & Janes Bancshares, Inc., Hiawatha, Kansas, First Centralia Bancshares, Inc., Centralia, Kansas, Davis Bancorporation, Inc., Davis, Oklahoma, Onaga Bancshares, Onaga, Kansas; to acquire FBC Financial Corporation, Claremore, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire 1st Bank Oklahoma, Claremore, Oklahoma, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement Number 814]

Applied Research in Emerging Infections; Hepatitis C Virus Infection—Sexual Transmission

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for competitive cooperative agreements and/or grants to support applied research on emerging infections—epidemiologic studies of sexual transmission of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section **Where to Obtain Additional Information.**)

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301 and 317 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 241 and 247b).

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Pub. L. 103-227, the Pro-Children's Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations and governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private non-profit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations, and small, minority-and/or women-owned non-profit businesses are eligible to apply.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$500,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund one or two awards. It is expected the awards will begin on or about August 10, 1998 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. The funding estimate is subject to change.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and availability of funds.

Determination of Which Instrument To Use

Applicants must specify the type of award for which they are applying, either grant or cooperative agreement. CDC will review the applications in accordance with the evaluation criteria. Before issuing awards, CDC will determine whether a grant or cooperative agreement is the appropriate instrument based upon the need for substantial CDC involvement in the project.

Use of Funds

Restrictions on Lobbying

Applicants should be aware of restrictions on the use of HHS funds for lobbying of Federal or State legislative bodies. Under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, recipients (and

their subtier contractors) are prohibited from using appropriated Federal funds (other than profits from a Federal contract) for lobbying Congress or any Federal agency in connection with the award of a particular contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan. This includes grants/cooperative agreements that, in whole or in part, involve conferences for which Federal funds cannot be used directly or indirectly to encourage participants to lobby or to instruct participants on how to lobby.

In addition, the FY 1998 Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105-78) states in Section 503 (a) and (b) that no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress or any State legislature, except in presentation to the Congress or any State legislature itself.

No part of any appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress or any State legislature.

Background

Once expected to be eliminated as a public health problem, infectious diseases remain the leading cause of death worldwide. In the United States and elsewhere, infectious diseases increasingly threaten public health and contribute significantly to the escalating costs of health care.

In partnership with other Federal agencies, State and local health departments, academic institutions, and others, CDC has developed a plan for revitalizing the nation's ability to identify, contain, and prevent illness from emerging infectious diseases. The plan, Addressing Emerging Infectious Disease Threats; A Prevention Strategy for the United States, identifies objectives in four major areas: surveillance; applied research; prevention and control; and infrastructure.

Under the objective for applied research, the plan proposes to integrate laboratory science and epidemiology to optimize public health practice in the United States. In FY 1996, CDC initiated the Extramural Applied Research Program in Emerging Infections (EARP).