

*C. New Business*

- Policy on Internal Controls and Audit Coverage and the Audit Charter.
- Civil Money Penalties for Inflation.

**Closed Session**

- Confidential Report on System Performance.
- Audit Plan for the Year Ended December 31, 2006.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

**Roland E. Smith,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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 office 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 December 27, 2006.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**  
(Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Geffrey A. Sawtelle*, Neshkoro, Wisconsin; to acquire at least 25 percent of the voting shares of FEB Bancshares, Inc., Neshkoro, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Farmers Exchange Bank, Neshkoro, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 2006.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

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 5, 2007.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**  
(Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Atlantic Southern Financial Group, Inc.*, Macon, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Community Bank of Georgia, Roberta, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 2006.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

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 5, 2007.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**  
(Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) P.O. Box 55882, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *1895 MHC and 1895 Corp.*, both of Worcester, Massachusetts; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bay State Savings Bank, Worcester, Massachusetts.

2. *Danvers Bancorp, Inc.*, Danvers, Massachusetts; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of BankMalden Cooperative Bank, Malden, Massachusetts.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *First State Bancorporation*, Albuquerque, New Mexico; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Front Range Capital Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Heritage Bank, both in Louisville, Colorado.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 7, 2006.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Toxicology Program (NTP), NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Announcement of an Independent Scientific Peer Review Meeting on the Use of In Vitro Pyrogenicity Testing Methods; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

**ACTION:** Meeting announcement and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NICEATM in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) announces an independent scientific peer review meeting to evaluate the validation status of five *in vitro* pyrogenicity test methods: (1) Human PBMC/IL-6 *in vitro* pyrogen test (PBMC/IL-6), (2) human whole blood/IL-1 *in vitro* pyrogen test (WB/IL-1), (3) human whole blood/IL-1 *in vitro* pyrogen test: application of cryopreserved human whole blood (cryo WB/IL-1), (4) the human whole blood/IL-6 *in vitro* pyrogen test (WB/IL-6), and (5) an alternative *in vitro* pyrogen test using the human monocytoid cell line MONO MAC-6 (MM6/IL6). These five *in vitro* test methods are proposed as replacements for the *in vivo* rabbit pyrogen test (RPT). At this meeting, a scientific panel will peer review the draft background review document (BRD) on each test method, evaluate the extent that the BRD addresses established validation and acceptance criteria for each test method, and provide comment on draft ICCVAM recommendations on the proposed use of these test methods, draft test method protocols, and draft performance standards. NICEATM invites public comments on the draft BRDs, draft ICCVAM test method recommendations,

draft test method protocols, and draft performance standards.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 6, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. In order to facilitate planning for this meeting, persons wishing to attend are asked to register by January 23, 2007, via the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>). Comments should be sent by mail, fax, or email to the address given below by January 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Natcher Conference Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William S. Stokes, Director of NICEATM, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709, (phone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail) [niceatm@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:niceatm@niehs.nih.gov). Courier address: NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) conducted a validation study to independently evaluate the usefulness and limitations of five *in vitro* pyrogenicity test methods (PBMC/IL-6, WB/IL-1, cryo WB/IL-1, WB/IL-6, and MM6/IL6). In June 2005, ECVAM submitted BRDs for these five methods to NICEATM for consideration as replacements for the currently required test, the RPT. ICCVAM and NICEATM reviewed the BRDs for completeness and concluded that these five *in vitro* test methods appear to have considerable potential for pyrogenicity testing, but that the sponsor needed to provide additional information prior to a formal scientific review by an expert panel. In anticipation of proceeding with an evaluation of these test methods, ICCVAM and NICEATM requested public comments as to the appropriateness and relative priority of a panel review activity and the nomination of scientists with relevant knowledge and experience to potentially serve on the panel (**Federal Register** Vol. 70, No. 241, pp. 74833-4, December 16, 2005). NICEATM also requested submission of data using the standard *in vivo* rabbit pyrogen test, the bacterial endotoxin test (BET), and *in vitro* pyrogenicity tests. These requests were sent directly to over 100 interested

stakeholders; no additional data were received.

In March 2006, ECVAM responded to the ICCVAM/NICEATM request for information by providing a revised BRD for each test method. ICCVAM and NICEATM drafted a BRD that combines all of the available information on the five *in vitro* pyrogenicity test methods into a single document and includes each of the ECVAM BRDs as an appendix. Based on this information, ICCVAM developed draft test method recommendations regarding the proposed usefulness, limitations, and validation status of these test methods. ICCVAM subsequently recommended that an independent scientific panel be convened to (1) peer review the draft BRD for the test methods and (2) determine whether the data and analyses in the draft BRDs support the draft ICCVAM test method recommendations. The panel will also be asked to comment on the adequacy of the draft recommended performance standards, proposed future validation studies, draft standardized test method protocols, and recommended reference substances. In making their conclusions and recommendations, NICEATM will ask the panel to consider all available information including the scientific studies cited in the draft BRD, public comments, and any new information identified during the peer review.

##### Peer Review Panel Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is the scientific peer review evaluation of the validation status of five *in vitro* pyrogenicity test methods as replacements for the RPT. First, the panel will review the draft BRD on the current status of five *in vitro* test methods for the detection of pyrogenicity and evaluate the extent that established validation and acceptance criteria are addressed for each test method (Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods: A Report of the ad hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods, NIH Publication No. 97-981, <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>). Next, the panel will comment on the extent to which the ICCVAM recommendations are supported by the information provided in the BRD and on the proposed use of these test methods, draft test method protocols, draft performance standards, and any proposed validation studies.

Information about the panel meeting, including a roster of the panel members and the draft agenda, will be made available two weeks prior to the meeting on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>) or can be