

*Description:* In accordance with Section 1104(b) of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) will meet in closed session:

*Location:* FDIC Building, 1776 F Street, NW., Room 4085, Washington, DC 20429.

*Date:* October 13, 2010.

*Time:* Immediately following the ASC open session beginning at 10:30 a.m.

*Status:* Closed.

*Matters to be Considered:* September 22, 2010 minutes—Closed Session. Preliminary discussion of State Compliance Reviews.

Dated: October 6, 2010.

**James R. Park,**

*Executive Director.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

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 shares of 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 October 28, 2010.

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

1. William Lee Hale and the William Lee Hale Trust, both of Bland, Virginia, acting in concert to retain control of 20.86% of the voting shares of First Regions Bancshares, Inc., Richlands, Virginia and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First Sentinel Bank, Richlands, Virginia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 7, 2010.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m. (Eastern Time) October 18, 2010.

**PLACE:** 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

**STATUS:** Parts will be open to the public and parts will be closed to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### Parts Open to the Public

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2010 Board Member Meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan Activity Report by the Executive Director.
  - a. Monthly Participant Activity Report
  - b. Monthly Investment Performance Review
  - c. Legislative Report
3. Mid-Year Financial Audit Report.
4. Quarterly Vendor Financial Report.
5. Annual Budget Discussion.

##### Parts Closed to the Public

6. Confidential Vendor Information.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: October 8, 2010.

**Thomas K. Emswiler,**

*Secretary, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Screening Framework Guidance for Providers of Synthetic Double-Stranded DNA

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 241, Section 301; HSPD-10.

**SUMMARY:** To reduce the risk that individuals with ill intent may exploit the application of nucleic acid synthesis

technology to obtain genetic material derived from or encoding Select Agents or Toxins and, as applicable, agents on the Export Administration Regulations' (EAR's) Commerce Control List (CCL), the U.S. Government has developed Guidance that provides a framework for screening synthetic double-stranded DNA (dsDNA). This document, the *Screening Framework Guidance for Providers of Synthetic Double-Stranded DNA* (the Guidance), sets forth recommended baseline standards for the gene and genome synthesis industry and other providers of synthetic dsDNA products regarding the screening of orders so that they are filled in compliance with current U.S. regulations and to encourage best practices in addressing biosecurity concerns associated with the potential misuse of their products to bypass existing regulatory controls. Following this Guidance is voluntary, though many specific recommendations serve to remind providers of their obligations under existing regulations. The framework includes customer screening and sequence screening, follow-up screening as necessary, and consultation with U.S. Government contacts, as needed.

A draft version of the Guidance was published as a **Federal Register** Notice (**Federal Register**, Vol. 74, No. 227, November 27, 2009, *Screening Framework Guidance for Synthetic Double-Stranded DNA Providers*) for public consideration and comment for a period of 60 days. Comments were reviewed and the Guidance was amended through a deliberative interagency process. The *Response to Public Comments* document, which precedes the final Guidance in the Supplementary Information section of this Notice, provides a general review of the decisions made to alter the Guidance in response to public comments. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is issuing this document as the lead agency in a broad interagency process to draft the Guidance. The Guidance will be reviewed on a regular basis and revised, as necessary. For further details about the Guidance, to access public comments, and to provide ongoing feedback please refer to <http://www.phe.gov/preparedness/legal/guidance/syndna>.

**DATES:** The Guidance is effective on October 13, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessica Tucker, PhD, Office of Policy and Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health