

shares of Citizens Bank & Trust Company, both in Springhill, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 19, 2011.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Noncompanies 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, including the companies listed below, 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 February 8, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *American State Bancshares, Inc.*; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of ASB Holdings, LLC, both in Great Bend, Kansas, and thereby engage in consulting services, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(9)(i)(A) of Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Docket 2010-0083; Sequence 24; OMB Control No. 9000-0138]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Contract Financing

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension to a currently approved information collection requirement concerning contract financing. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 29547 on May 26, 2010. One comment was received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0138 by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 9000-0138" under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search". Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0138". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and

"Information Collection 9000-0138" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0138.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0138, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Chambers, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Branch, GSA, (202) 501-4770 or e-mail Edward.chambers@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994, Public Law 103-355, provided authorities that streamlined the acquisition process and minimize burdensome Government-unique requirements. Sections 2001 and 2051 of FASA substantially changed the statutory authorities for Government financing of contracts. Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items, and sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) substantially revised the authority for Government financing of purchases of non-commercial items.

Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items. These paragraphs authorize the Government to provide contract financing with certain limitations.

Sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) also amended the authority for Government financing of non-commercial purchases by authorizing financing on the basis of certain classes of measures of performance.

To implement these changes, DOD, NASA, and GSA amended the FAR by revising Subparts 32.0, 32.1, and 32.5; by adding new Subparts 32.2 and 32.10; and by adding new clauses to 52.232.

The coverage enables the Government to provide financing to assist in the performance of contracts for commercial items and provide financing for non-commercial items based on contractor performance.

The single public comment was not relevant, however, as it did not address the burden statement set forth in the **Federal Register** Notice.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per request for commercial financing and 2 hours per request for performance-based financing, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden for commercial financing is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 1,000.

Responses per Respondent: 5.

Total Responses: 5,000.

Hours per Response: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 10,000.

The annual reporting burden for performance-based financing is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 500.

Responses per Respondent: 12.

Total Responses: 6,000.

Hours per Response: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 12,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCA), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 13, 2011.

Millisa Gary,

Acting Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. 2011-0006; Sequence 2]

Federal Procurement Data System Product Service Code Manual Update

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Products and Services Code (PSC) Manual, which provides codes to describe products, services, and research and development purchased by the government, is in the process of being updated; GSA, which maintains the PSC Manual, is in the process of updating the manual.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 24, 2011.

Comment date: A draft of the PSC Manual will be posted at <http://>

blog.citizen.apps.gov/GSA_PSC_Manual/. Comments on the draft PSC Manual must be posted at http://blog.citizen.apps.gov/GSA_PSC_Manual/Comments section, between February 8, 2011 and March 9, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Pat Brooks at pat.brooks@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Products and Services Code (PSC) Manual provides codes to describe products, services, and research and development purchased by the government. The codes are one of the data elements reported in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). GSA, which maintains the PSC Manual, is in the process of updating the manual. The changes will include updating the descriptions, adding or deleting codes as necessary, and adding environmental/sustainability attributes required for reporting to the Office of Management and Budget.

A draft of the proposed PSC Manual will be posted in a GSA blog application, http://blog.citizen.apps.gov/GSA_PSC_Manual/ on February 8, 2011. There will be a "Comment" section in the blog. A thirty (30) day comment period will be available.

Dated: January 18, 2011.

Rodney Lantier,

Assistant Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Independent Scientific Peer Review Panel Meeting on an *In Vitro* Estrogen Receptor Transcriptional Activation Test Method for Endocrine Disruptor Chemical Screening; National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Announcement of an Independent Scientific Peer Review Panel Meeting on an *In Vitro* Estrogen Receptor Transcriptional Activation Test Method for Endocrine Disruptor Chemical Screening; Availability of Draft Background Review Document (BRD); Request for Comments**

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

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NICEATM, in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), announces a public meeting of an independent scientific peer review panel (Panel) to evaluate the validation status of LUMI-CELL® ER (BG1Luc ER TA), an *in vitro* transcriptional activation (TA) assay used to identify chemicals that can interact with human estrogen receptors (ERs). Validated assays that can detect the interaction of chemicals with specific hormone receptors, including ERs, have been accepted and included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP) (<http://www.epa.gov/endo/pubs/assayvalidation/status.htm>). Consequently, the BG1Luc ER TA may be applicable for addressing the ER TA component of the EPA EDSP Tier 1 screening battery.

At this meeting, the Panel will review the draft BRD for the BG1Luc ER TA and evaluate the extent to which established validation and acceptance criteria have been appropriately addressed. The Panel also will be asked to comment on the extent to which the information included in the BRD supports ICCVAM's draft test method recommendations.

NICEATM invites public comments on the draft BRD and draft ICCVAM test method recommendations. These documents are available on the NICEATM-ICCVAM Web site at: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/PeerPanel11.htm>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 29-30, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. In order to facilitate planning for this meeting, persons wishing to attend are asked to register by March 15, 2011, via the NICEATM-ICCVAM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/contact/reg-form-EDpanel.htm>). Comments should be sent by March 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), William H. Natcher Conference Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. Persons needing special assistance in order to attend, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation, should contact 301-402-8180 (voice) or 301-435-1908 TTY (text telephone) at least seven business days before the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Warren Casey, Deputy Director, NICEATM, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, Mail Stop: K2-16, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (telephone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail)