

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 27, 1998.

**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 February 25, 1998.

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

1. *Magna Group, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire Charter Financial, Inc. Sparta, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Charter Bank, S.B., Sparta, Illinois, and thereby engage in the operation of a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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## FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m. (EST) February 9, 1998.

**PLACE:** 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 1998, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Review of investment policy.

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

Dated: January 27, 1998.

**Roger W. Mehle,**

*Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Federal Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 1998.

**PLACE:** Federal Trade Commission Building, Room 532, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20580.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Portions Open to Public:

(1) Oral Argument in Toys "R" Us, Docket 9278.

Portions Closed to the Public:

(2) Executive Session to follow Oral Argument in Toys "R" Us, Docket 9278.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Victoria Streitfeld, Office of Public Affairs: (202) 326-2180, Recorded Message: (202) 326-2711.

**Benjamin I. Berman,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

### Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the Congress of National Black Churches

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC). This cooperative agreement will establish the broad programmatic framework within which specific projects can be funded as they are identified during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist this national association in expanding and enhancing its activities relevant to education, health promotion, disease prevention, and family and youth violence prevention with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of minorities and disadvantaged people, especially within the African American community. The OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. The OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings.

#### Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act.

#### Background

Assistance will be provided only to CNBC. No other applications are solicited. CNBC is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it has:

1. Developed, expanded, and managed an infrastructure to coordinate and implement various educational programs within local communities, organizations, and local and national churches that deal with racial and ethnic minorities, especially African Americans. CNBC has been actively involved and instrumental in providing a vehicle for coalition building between the church and community-based organizations, and in providing leadership for health promotion strategy and dissemination of prevention information in the African community. The association established 9 national initiatives; Affiliate Relations, Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention, Institutional Advancement, National

Anti-Drug/Violence Program, National Voter Education Program, Children and Family Development, Economic Development Program, Leadership Development Program, and the National Health Program. All of these programs provide a foundation upon which to develop, promote, and manage education and health-related programs aimed at preventing and reducing unnecessary morbidity and mortality rates among African Americans, as well as, improving the quality of life for African Americans.

2. Established itself and its members as a national association with numerous clergy and professionals who serve as leaders and experts in planning, developing, implementing, and promoting educational policy campaigns (locally and nationally) aimed at reducing adverse health behaviors and improving the African American community's overall educational and social well being.

3. Developed a national association whose membership consist of 8 historic black denominations with established linkages to 65,000 African American churches and 19 million people.

4. Developed a base of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to serving African Americans with a range of health and social problems. Through the collective efforts of various diverse groups; special institutions, governmental agencies, businesses, legislative and judicial bodies, media and other parts of the community, CNBC has demonstrated (1) the ability to form successful partnerships on mutual education, research, and health endeavors relating to the goal of health promotion and disease prevention in African Americans, (2) leadership necessary to attract minority students into public service and health careers, and (3) the leadership needed to assist health care professionals to work more effectively with African American clients and communities.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1998 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 5 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

#### Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Georgia Buggs, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-5084.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.004.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

**Clay E. Simpson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of National AIDS Policy

#### Notice of Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and its Subcommittees

Pursuant to P.L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS on March 15-18, 1998, at the Madison Hotel, Washington, DC. The meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS will take place on Sunday, March 15, Monday, March 16, Tuesday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 18 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Madison Hotel, Fifteenth and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20005. The meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the subcommittee meetings will be to finalize any recommendations and assess the status of previous recommendations made to the Administration. The agenda of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS may include presentations from the Council's seven committees, Research, Services, Prevention, International, Discrimination, Communities for African and Latino Descent, and Prison Issues.

Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy, 808 17th Street, N.W., Suite 820, Washington, D.C. 20006, Phone (202) 632-1090, Fax (202) 632-1096, will furnish the meeting agenda and roster of committee members upon request. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ann Borlo at (301) 986-4870 no later than February 15, 1998.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

**Daniel C. Montoya,**

*Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-98-1]

#### Fiscal Year 1998 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to carry out the functions of a National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging announces that it will hold a cooperative agreement/grant award competition under this program announcement for a National Long-Term Care Ombudsman National Resource Center. The deadline date for the submission of applications is March 16, 1998. Public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions are eligible to apply under this program announcement. To be considered for funding, however, Center applicants must demonstrate a proven track record of experience with the operation and organization of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at national, state, and local levels, as well as a thorough command of the history and current status of the program and the policy considerations bearing on its future development.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Elder Rights Protection, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4254, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/619-7585.

**Jeanette C. Takamura,**

*Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee.