

related to the auctioning of these licenses in Auction No. 34.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before April 28, 2000, and reply comments are due on or before May 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** To file formally, parties must submit an original and four paper copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, TW—A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, parties must submit one copy to M. Nicole Oden, Attorney, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 4—A337, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy to Rana Shuler, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 4—A628, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Public Reference Room, Room CY—A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Oden, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, (Legal Branch) at (202) 418-0660; Kathy Garland or Bob Reagle, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, (Auction Operations) at (717) 338-2888.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a Public Notice released April 18, 2000. The complete text of the public notice, including Attachment A is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY—A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. This Public Notice provides additional information about the 800 MHz licenses being offered in Auction No. 34. See DA 00-667, Auction of Licenses for 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service General Category Frequencies in the 851-854 MHz Band Scheduled for August 23, 2000 (*Auction No. 34 Comment Public Notice*) 65 FR 17268 (March 31, 2000). Specifically, Auction No. 34 will include three 800 MHz Upper Band licenses (861-865 MHz). Attachment A contains a listing of the three additional licenses that will be offered in Auction

No. 34. This Public Notice also seeks comment on procedural issues related to the auctioning of these licenses in Auction No. 34.

2. The frequencies and channels numbers associated with each spectrum block are listed below. Spectrum block A is allocated 20 channels, spectrum block B is allocated 60 channels, and spectrum block C is allocated 120 channels.

Spectrum block	Channel Nos.	Frequencies (Base & Mobile)
A .....	401-420	861.0-861.5 MHz 816.0-816.5 MHz
B .....	421-480	861.5-863.0 MHz 816.5-818.0 MHz
C .....	481-600	863.0-866.0 MHz 818.0-821.0 MHz

### I. Reserve Price or Minimum Opening Bid

3. The Bureau proposes to utilize the same minimum opening bids previously established for the 800 MHz Upper Band licenses in Auction No. 16, rounded to the nearest hundred dollars. See DA 97-2147, Auction of 800 MHz SMR Upper 10 MHz Band, Minimum Opening Bids or Reserve Prices (*SMR Order*) 62 FR 55251 (October 23, 1997). A list of the three additional licenses, including the related geographic service area population and minimum opening bid, is attached hereto as Attachment A. The Bureau believes minimum opening bids, rather than reserve prices, will help to regulate the pace of the auction and provide greater flexibility. Comment is sought on this proposal. Alternatively, comment is sought on whether, consistent with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the public interest would be served by having no minimum opening bid or reserve price.

### II. Upfront Payments and Initial Maximum Eligibility for Each Bidder

4. The Bureau proposes to use the same upfront payments as previously established for the 800 MHz Upper Band licenses in Auction No. 16. See DA 97-1672, Auction of 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service Licenses (*Auction No. 16 Public Notice*) 62 FR 49228 (September 19, 1997). A list of these licenses, including the related geographic service area population and upfront payment, is attached hereto as Attachment A. We seek comment on this proposal.

5. We further propose that the amount of the upfront payment submitted by a bidder will determine the initial maximum eligibility (as measured in bidding units) for each bidder. Upfront payments will not be attributed to

specific licenses, but instead will be translated into bidding units to define a bidder's initial maximum eligibility, which cannot be increased during the auction. Thus, in calculating the upfront payment amount, an applicant must determine the *maximum* number of bidding units it may wish to bid on (or hold high bids on) in any single round, and submit an upfront payment covering that number of bidding units. We seek comment on this proposal.

### III. Other Auction Procedural Issues

6. In the *Auction No. 34 Comment Public Notice*, the Bureau set forth and sought comment on the following proposals relating to auction structure and bidding procedures: (1) Simultaneous multiple round auction design; (2) upfront payments and initial maximum eligibility; (3) activity rules; (4) activity rule waivers and reducing eligibility; (5) information relating to auction delay, suspension or cancellation; (6) round structure; (7) reserve or minimum opening bid; (8) minimum accepted bids and bid increments; (9) information regarding bid withdrawal and bid removal; and (10) the stopping rule. The Bureau proposes to utilize the same auction structure and procedures for the additional licenses listed in Attachment A that it utilizes for the auction of all other licenses in Auction No. 34. We seek comment on these proposals as they relate to the licenses listed in Attachment A.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Louis J. Sigalos,**

*Deputy Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division.*

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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 May 19, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *North Georgia Community Financial Partners, Inc.*, Calhoun, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of North Georgia National Bank, Calhoun, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 20, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

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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 May 22, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group), 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *PBOC Holdings*, Los Angeles, California; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of People's Bank of California, Los Angeles, California, upon its conversion from a savings association to a bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 21, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Office of Minority Health

### Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons (ICPS)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Office of Minority Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Cooperative Agreement with the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons (ICPS).

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces its intent to continue support of the umbrella cooperative agreement with the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons (ICPS). This cooperative agreement will continue the broad programmatic framework in which specific projects can be supported by various governmental agencies during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist the organization in

expanding and enhancing its activities in the following areas: service delivery, disease prevention, health promotion, and health services research opportunities, with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of minorities and disadvantaged people.

The OMH will provide technical assistance and oversight as necessary for the implementation, conduct, and assessment of the project activities. On an as-needed basis, OMH will assist in arranging consultation from other government agencies and non-government agencies.

**Authority:** This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1707(e)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

### Background

Assistance will continue to be provided to ICPS. During the last five years, ICPS has successfully demonstrated the ability to work with its organizational membership and health agencies on mutual education, service, and research endeavors. The ICPS is uniquely qualified to continue to accomplish the purposes of this cooperative agreement because it has the following combination of factors:

- It is a national organization whose membership consists exclusively of Hispanic physicians, surgeons, and future health care providers.
- It has an established infrastructure to develop, expand, and manage various health education and medical training programs within local communities and physician groups that deal extensively with Hispanic health issues. These programs are aimed at preventing and reducing mortality rates among Hispanic populations.
- It has established itself as an organization with professionals who serve as leaders and experts in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating health education curricula, and client-based health prevention programs aimed at reducing excessive mortality and adverse health behaviors among Hispanic populations.
- It has developed databases and directories of health care providers and Hispanic medical students interested in primary care, including funding mechanisms to continue graduate, medical, and scientific education.
- It has an inventory of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to serving Hispanic clients on a range of health and social problems.

This cooperative agreement will be continued for an additional 3-year project period with 12-month budget periods. Depending upon the types of projects and availability of funds, it is anticipated that this cooperative