

law firms or other third-parties failing to meet the above criteria.

Applicants who received funding under this program in the past for committee operations are generally not eligible to apply. The only exceptions apply to grantees who seek funds on behalf of an entirely different committee whose efforts are totally outside of the scope of the original grant.

D. Allocations

The FY 2001 appropriation for this program is expected to be \$1.5 million, of which at least \$1,000,000 will be available competitively for new applicants. Specific funding levels will not be established for each type of committee. The review process will be conducted in such a manner that at least two awards will be made in each category (company/plant, industry, public sector, and area), providing that FMCS determines that at least two outstanding applications exist in each category. After these applications are selected for award, the remaining applications will be considered according to merit without regard to category.

In addition to the competitive process identified in the preceding paragraph, FMCS will set aside a sum not to exceed thirty percent of its nonreserved appropriation to be awarded on a non-competitive basis. These funds will be used only to support applications that have been solicited by the Director of the Service and are not subject to the dollar range noted in Section E.

FMCS reserves the right to retain up to five percent of the FY2001 appropriation to contract for program support purposes (such as evaluation) other than administration.

E. Dollar Range and Length of Grants and Continuation Policy

Awards to expand existing or establish new labor-management committees will be for a period of 18 months. If successful progress is made during this initial budget period and all grant funds are not obligated within 18 months, these grants may be extended for up to six months. No continuation awards will be made.

The dollar range of awards is as follows:

- Up to \$65,000 over 18 months for company/plant committees or single department public sector applicants;
- Up to \$125,000 per 18-month period for area, industry, and multi-department public sector committee applicants.

Applicants are reminded that these figures represent maximum Federal

funds only. If total costs to accomplish the objectives of the application exceed the maximum allowable Federal funding level and its required grantee match, applicants may supplement these funds through voluntary contributions from other sources. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to consult with their local or regional FMCS field office to determine what kinds of training may be available at no cost before budgeting for such training in their applications. A list of our field leadership team and their phone numbers is included in the application kit.

F. Cash Match Requirements and Cost Allowability

All applicants must provide at least 10 percent of the total allowable project costs. Matching funds may come from state or local government sources or private sector contributions, but may generally not include other Federal funds. Funds generated by grant-supported efforts are considered "project income," and may not be used for matching purposes.

It will be the policy of this program to reject all requests for indirect or overhead costs as well as "in-kind" match contributions. In addition, grant funds must not be used to supplant private or local/state government funds currently spent for committee purposes. Funding requests from existing committees should focus entirely on the costs associated with the expansion efforts. Also, under no circumstances may business or labor officials participating on a labor-management committee be compensated out of grant funds for time spent at committee meetings or time spent in committee training sessions. Applicants generally will not be allowed to claim all or a portion of existing full-time staff as an expense or match contribution. For a more complete discussion of cost allowability, applicants are encouraged to consult the FY2001 FMCS Financial and Administrative Grants Manual which will be included in the application kit.

G. Application Submission and Review Process

Applications must be signed by both a labor and management representative and be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than May 19, 2001. No applications or supplementary materials can be accepted after the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is correctly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or other carrier. An original application containing

numbered pages, plus three copies, should be addressed to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Labor-Management Grants Program, 2100 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20427. FMCS will not consider videotaped submissions or video attachments to submissions. Those wishing to send their application by e-mail should consult the FMCS web site (www.fmcs.gov) to determine how and if to proceed.

After the deadline has passed, all eligible applications will be reviewed and scored initially by one or more Grant Review Boards. The Board(s) will recommend selected applications for rejection or further funding consideration. The Director, Program Services, will finalize the scoring and selection process. The individual listed as contact person in Item 6 on the application form will generally be the only person with whom FMCS will communicate during the application review process.

All FY2001 grant applicants will be notified of results and all grants awards will be made before September 15, 2001. Applications submitted after the May 19 deadline date or that fail to adhere to eligibility or other major requirements will be administratively rejected by the Director, Program Services.

H. Contact

Individuals wishing to apply for funding under this program should contact the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service as soon as possible to obtain an application kit. Please consult the FMCS web site (www.fmcs.gov) to determine when/if the application can be submitted electronically.

These kits and additional information or clarification can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Labor-Management Grants Program, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427; or by calling 202-606-8181.

C. Richard Barnes,

Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

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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/.

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 December 11, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer), 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *FleetBoston Financial Corporation*, Boston, Massachusetts; to merge with and acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Summit Bancorp, Princeton, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire Summit Bank, Hackensack, New Jersey; Summit Bank, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Summit Bank, Norwalk, Connecticut.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President), 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Sooner Southwest Bankshares, Inc.*, Tulsa, Oklahoma; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The First National Bancorporation of Heavener, Inc., Heavener, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank, Heavener, Oklahoma.

2. *Heritage Group, Inc.*, Aurora, Nebraska; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Heritage Bank, N.A., Doniphan, Nebraska, a *de novo* bank.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President), 2200

North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Mason National Bancshares, Inc.*, Mason, Texas, and Mason National Bancshares of Nevada, Inc., Carson City, Nevada; to become bank holding companies by acquiring Mason National Bank, Mason, Texas.

2. *Shelby Bancshares, Inc.*, Center, Texas, and Shelby Bancshares of Nevada, Inc., Carson City, Nevada; to become bank holding companies by acquiring Shelby Savings Bank, SSB, Center, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 8, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 20, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Future capital framework.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: November 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will discuss its draft report *Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research*. Most Commission members will participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on November 22 from 1:00-1:30 pm.

Dates/Times/Location

November 22, 2000, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Building 45 (Natcher Conference Center), Conference Rooms E1 and E2, Bethesda, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1999 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Jody Crank by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below as soon as possible, at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received.

Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the NBAC staff office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at bioethics.gov. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special