

become a bank holding company by acquiring Continental Pacific Bank, Vacaville, California. Comments on this application must be received by January 22, 1996.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 2, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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First Union Corporation, et al.; Acquisitions of Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The organizations listed in this notice have applied under § 225.23(a)(2) or (f) of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23(a)(2) or (f)) for the Board's approval under section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) and § 225.21(a) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.21(a)) to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company engaged in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated for the application or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 22, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior

Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *First Union Corporation*, Charlotte, North Carolina; to acquire Society First Federal Savings Bank, Fort Myers, Florida, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Pinellas Bancshares Corporation*, St. Petersburg, Florida; to acquire Eickhoff, Pieper & Willoughby, Inc., Tampa, Florida, and thereby engage in providing investment or financial advice, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(4)(iii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Las Vegas, NV

Pursuant to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the General Services Administration (GSA) hereby gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shall be prepared for the construction of a new 415,000-gross-square foot Federal Building-U.S. Courthouse (FB-CT) to be located within the Central Business Area (CBA) of the city of Las Vegas, Nevada. The proposed site encompasses about 6 acres and is owned by the city of Las Vegas. The proposed site is bounded by Bridger Avenue on the north, Clark Avenue on the south, Las Vegas Boulevard on the west, and 6th Street on the east. The EIS shall examine three project alternatives. Specific alternatives to be evaluated shall include: (1) construction of the FB-CT on the 3.5-acre Fifth Street School site, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places located at 400 Las Vegas Boulevard; (2) construction of the FB-CT on an 8.3-acre portion of the county-owned railroad yard at the end of Bonneville Street between Main Street, Interstate 15, U.S. Highway 95 and

Charleston Boulevard; and (3) no action or continued use of the existing Federal buildings and U.S. Courthouse.

GSA invites interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies to participate in defining the reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS and in identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alternatives. Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence and through a public meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 1996, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Clark County Regional Center, 505 South Grand Central Parkway, Pueblo Room (1st Floor), Las Vegas, Nevada. Comments received during the meeting will be made a part of the administrative record for the EIS and will be evaluated as part of the scoping process.

Written comments on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts may be addressed to Mr. John Garvey, GSA Portfolio Management (9PT), Public Buildings Service, 525 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Comments should be sent to GSA by January 22, 1996.

A Draft EIS will be prepared based upon the scoping efforts. After its publication, the Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. A final EIS will be prepared that addresses the comments on the Draft EIS.

If a sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, or aids for a visual impairment are required please telephone Mr. John Garvey at (415) 744-8113 within five days of the meeting.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

Aki K. Nakao,

Deputy Regional Administrator (9A).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Program Announcement Number FDA-CFSAN-96.1 Cooperative Agreement for Shellfish and Seafood Safety Assistance Project; Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1996

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Office of Seafood (OS), is announcing its intention to award, noncompetitively, a