

protecting against the environmental and health consequences of terrorism. There is a need to supplement the HSAC expertise with microbiologists. Accordingly, the SAB is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized microbiologists with specialized expertise in bacteriology of aerobic gram positive rod endospore formers (i.e., *Bacillus anthracis*). Individuals should possess extensive expertise in genomic and strain analysis and expertise in method development for Weapons of Mass Destruction emergency responders.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in the area of microbiology as described above. Self-nominations are also requested. Nominations may be submitted in electronic format through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board which can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Please follow the instructions for submitting nominations carefully, and include all of the information requested on that form. The nominating form requests contact information of the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Anyone unable to submit nominations using the electronic form, or who may have questions concerning the nomination process or any other aspect of this notice may contact Ms. Vivian Turner, DFO, at the contact information above. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than April 18, 2008.

The approved policy used by the SAB Staff Office in its selection process is described in the Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency, Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-COM-02-010), on the SAB Web Site at: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/19EDA5C43A43D86A852571AE006390EC/\\$File/ecm02003.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/19EDA5C43A43D86A852571AE006390EC/$File/ecm02003.pdf). The SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations and inform nominees of the panel for which they have been nominated. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will

develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> and will include the nominee's name and biographical sketch. Public comments on the Short List will be accepted for 21 calendar days. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the panel. For the SAB, a balanced panel is characterized by inclusion of nominees who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List will be considered in the selection of the panel members, along with information provided by nominees and information independently gathered by SAB Staff (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating Short List nominees include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively on committees.

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Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at

the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than April 14, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Timothy A. Tierney, Madison, Wisconsin, as an individual, and as part of a group with Mark R. Tierney, Superior, Wisconsin, and David S. Tierney, Eden Prairie, Minnesota;* to acquire control of Superior Bancorporation LTD, Superior, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire control Community Bank, Superior, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 25, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 April 23, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of

Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Hazen Bancorporation, Inc., Hazen, North Dakota*; to increase its ownership to 19.20 percent of the voting shares of North Star Holding Company, Inc., Jamestown, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire Unison Bank, Jamestown, North Dakota and Unison Bank, Mesa, Arizona (a de novo bank).

2. *McIntosh County Bank Holding Company, Inc., Ashley, North Dakota*; to acquire additional shares and maintain 33.33 percent of the voting shares of North Star Holding Company, Inc., Jamestown, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire Unison Bank, Jamestown, North Dakota and Unison Bank, Mesa, Arizona.

3. *North Star Holding Company, Inc., Jamestown, North Dakota*; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Unison Bank, Mesa, Arizona (a de novo bank).

4. *Wishek Bancorporation, Inc., Wishek, North Dakota*; to acquire, through its ownership of North Star Holding Company, Inc., Jamestown, North Dakota, shares of Unison Bank, Mesa, Arizona (a de novo bank).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 24, 2008.

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 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, 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. 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 the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 25, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Anne MacEwen, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Banco do Brasil, S.A., Brasilia, Brazil*; to acquire, Banco do Brasil, Federal Savings Bank, New York, New York, and thereby engage in operating a savings association and engage in trust company functions to Section 225.28(b)(4) and (5) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 25, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC").

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"). The FTC is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through July 31, 2011, the current Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Funeral Industry Practice Rule ("Funeral Rule" or "Rule"). That clearance expires on July 31, 2008.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments.

Comments should refer to "Paperwork Comment: FTC File No. P084401" to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex S), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form, as prescribed below. However, if the comment contains any material for which confidential treatment is requested, the comment must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "Confidential."¹

Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by clicking on the following: <https://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-funeralrulepra> and following the instructions on the web-based form. To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at <https://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-funeralrulepra>. You also may visit <http://www.regulations.gov> to read this Rule, and may file an electronic comment through that website. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available to the public on the FTC website, to the extent practicable, at www.ftc.gov. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

¹ Commission Rule 4.2(d), 16 CFR 4.2(d). The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).