

Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 9, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: February 1, 2006.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Evaluation of the Impact of Literacy Interventions in Freshman Academies-Follow-Up Forms for Students and Teachers.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions.  
*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses—1,998.*

*Burden Hours—1,998.*

**Abstract:** The original OMB package requested clearance for the baseline intake and administrative records instruments to be used in the Evaluation of the Impact of Literacy Interventions in Freshman Academies. This package requests clearance for additional follow-up instruments to collect information from teachers and high school ninth-grade students at the end of the school year. The teacher instruments gather data about implementation issues, and the student instrument focuses on student outcomes related to reading attitudes and behaviors. The study has also been expanded to include an additional cohort of students, and thus will examine the impacts of these literacy interventions on student outcomes for two cohorts of students instead of one.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2926. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [INGALLS\\_IC\\_DocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:INGALLS_IC_DocketMgr@ed.gov) 703-620-3655. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on February 9, 2006,

from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roland E. Smith, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

##### **Open Session**

###### *A. Approval of Minutes*

- January 6, 2006 (Open and Closed)

###### *B. Reports*

- Office of Management Services Report

###### *C. New Business—Regulations*

- Disclosure and Reporting Requirements—Proposed Rule
- Regulatory Burden—Proposed Rule and Notice

Dated: February 2, 2006.

**Roland E. Smith,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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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 February 22, 2006.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group)

101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *David W. Lanza, Roy E. Lanza, David W. Lanza Trust, Roy and Sondra Lanza Family Trust, Colusa Motor Sales, Inc., Hust Brothers, Inc., Marysville Auto Parts, Inc. and Yuba Street Ventures, LLC*, all of Marysville, California; to acquire additional voting shares of Gold Country Financial Services, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire shares of Gold Country Bank, N.A., both of Marysville, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 2, 2006.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. OP-1249]

### Rules Relating to Branches of Federal Reserve Banks

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors has reviewed and revised its Rules Relating to Branches of Federal Reserve Banks in light of the existing scope of, and other System-wide policies and procedures concerning, Federal Reserve branch operations. These revisions are designed to enable more efficient governance of Federal Reserve Bank branches and to streamline Federal Reserve System policies and procedures regarding branches.

**DATES:** The amendments became effective on January 30, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adrienne G. Threatt, Counsel (202/452-3554), Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. Users of Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD) *only*, call 202/263-4869.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background and Summary of Amendments

The Federal Reserve Act (Act) states that the Board may permit or require any Federal Reserve Bank to establish branches within its Federal Reserve District, and that such branches, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board, must be operated under a board of directors. *See* 12 U.S.C. 521. The Act also provides that the Board at any time may require any Federal Reserve Bank to discontinue a branch, which then

must be wound up in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board. *Id.* The Board initially adopted its Rules Relating to Branches of Federal Reserve Banks (Branch Rule) in 1940, primarily to provide a uniform framework governing the appointment and responsibilities of branch directors. The Board most recently amended the Branch Rule in 1978 to conform the director-related provisions of the rule to the Federal Reserve Reform Act of 1977. *See* 43 FR 29189 (July 6, 1978).

The current revisions to the Branch Rule are designed to bring the rule up to date with the current role of Reserve Bank branches within the Federal Reserve System and to conform the Branch Rule to the other Federal Reserve policies and procedures that affect branches. When the Board initially adopted the Branch Rule, most Reserve Bank branches generally provided many of the banking services offered by their head offices. Today, however, improvements in technology permit the Reserve Banks to offer a comparable level of nationwide services with a reduced physical presence and at a lower cost. In addition, most decisions that affect the operational scope of Reserve Bank branches are handled through a coordinated process, set forth in the Federal Reserve Administrative Manual (FRAM), that includes involvement by the Board and its staff as appropriate. Moreover, the Board recently conducted a System-wide review of the general policies that govern all directors associated with Federal Reserve Banks, including the directors of Federal Reserve branches, and adopted changes to its policies concerning branch directors as part of that review. Section 3 of the revised Branch Rule reflects that responsibility for management of the branches rests largely with the Reserve Bank and not with the board of directors of the branch.

The Board has revised the Branch Rule so that it reflects more accurately the current organization of Reserve Bank operations and better coordinates with other relevant policies and procedures. Highlights of the amendments include the following:

1. *Branch territory and functions.* The Board removed provisions of the Branch Rule that required Board approval for changes in the territory served by a branch and for substantial changes in the authority or functions of a branch. Currently, the overall scope of a branch's operations does not necessarily correlate to its generally assigned territory, and proposed territory and function changes are reviewed thoroughly through the above-

mentioned procedures set forth in the FRAM. The Board has, however, added a sentence stating the Act's requirement that a Reserve Bank may neither establish nor discontinue a branch without Board approval.

2. *Branch directors.* The Board has eliminated the requirement for prior Board approval for a Reserve Bank to change the number of directors of a branch from seven to five (or vice versa) and has liberalized the qualification requirements for branch directors that are appointed by the Board. These changes should enable Reserve Banks more easily to obtain a board of directors that can serve the needs of a particular branch effectively. The Board also has simplified the provisions regarding director terms and made the term limit for branch directors consistent with that for Reserve Bank directors. The Board has deleted the quorum rule that previously applied to meetings of branch directors and has replaced a provision requiring branch directors to meet at least ten times per year with a rule requiring them to meet as set forth in the Reserve Bank by-laws.

3. *Officers, supplemental instructions, and Reserve Bank/branch relations generally.* The Board has revised and consolidated into a single section the previously existing provisions concerning the relationship between the branch, the Reserve Bank, and the Board. These include (1) a provision stating that the branch directors carry out their duties subject to the direction and control of the Reserve Bank and subject to the Board's rules, (2) a provision clarifying that the Reserve Bank, rather than the branch board of directors, is responsible for appointing branch officers and that officers serve at the pleasure of the Board, and (3) a provision stating that the Reserve Bank may adopt additional instructions or by-laws, consistent with the Branch Rule, concerning branch operations. The revisions to these provisions are intended to describe more accurately the current organization and operation of branches and their role within the Federal Reserve System.

#### Procedural Considerations

The Branch Rule is an uncodified rule issued for use within the Federal Reserve System pursuant to Section 3 of the Act. *See* 5 U.S.C. 521. The Board's amendments relate solely to the internal organization and procedures of the Federal Reserve System, particularly the operation of Federal Reserve Banks; accordingly, the public notice, public comment, and delayed effective date provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply. *See* 5