In connection with this application, Southwest Bancorporation of Texas, Inc., Houston, Texas, and Southwest Holding Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware also have applied to acquire Reunion Mortgage Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas, and thereby engage in nonbanking activities pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 3, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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: 11:30 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2003.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; 202–452–2955.

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.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 5, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee; Amendment of Notice

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an amendment to the notice of meeting of the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee. This meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** of November 18, 2003 (68 FR 65076–65077). The amendment is being made to reflect a change in the *Location* portion of the document. There are no other changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johanna Clifford, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, or by express delivery to: 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093, Rockville, MD 20852, 301–827–7001, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512542. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of November 18, 2003 (68 FR 65076–65077), FDA announced that a meeting of the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee would be held on December 16, 2003. On page 65077, in the first column, the *Location* portion of the meeting is amended to read as follows:

Location: CDER Advisory Committee conference rm. 1066, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: December 3, 2003.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

Jianhua (James) Xu, M.S., University of Alberta: Based on the University of Alberta (UA) Report, the respondent's admissions, and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Jianhua (James) Xu, M.S., former technician at UA, engaged in scientific misconduct in research funded by National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 HL61751–01.

Mr. Xu performed experiments on the enzyme lipid phosphate phosphatase-1 (LPP–1) from a family of enzymes that affect signal transduction by glycerolipid and sphingolipid phosphate esters as second messengers. A typical experiment involved the investigation of the effects on various glycerolipids, sphingolipids, and other related effector compounds on the activity of LPP–1 either in tissue culture cells or isolated enzyme preparations. Mr. Xu falsified data by adding vanadate to inhibit the enzyme LPP–1, in experiments that purported to show that the inhibition was the result of adding natural lipid effectors. He was also observed deliberately falsifying other colleagues' experiments in a similar manner.

Mr. Xu admits that he alone was responsible for the falsification.

Specifically, Mr. Xu committed scientific misconduct by falsifying data for Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8A that he published in: James Xu, *et al.* ''Lipid phosphate phosphatase-1 and Ca^{2+} control lysophosphatidate signaling through EDG–2 receptors.'' Journal of Biological Chemistry 275:27520–27530, 2000. The paper was retracted in Journal of Biological Chemistry 278:38104, 2003.

Due to the falsified data, Manuscript #C0007049 by Xu, *et al.* entitled ''Transactivation of platelet-derived growth factor receptors by lysophosphatidate causes tryrosine phosphorylation of lipid phosphate phosphatase-1 and feedback inhibition of EDG–2 receptor activation'' was withdrawn. Also, ORI concluded Mr. Xu committed scientific misconduct by deliberately falsifying experiments of other colleagues in the laboratory by adding vanadate to their experiments without the authorization or knowledge of his colleagues.

Mr. Xu provided the following in an admission statement dated March 23, 2003:

For the purpose of disposition of this matter by the Office of Research Integrity (''ORI'') of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I confirm that I began falsifying results of experiments, relating to the inhibition of the enzyme lipid phosphate phosphatase (LPP–1), in which I was initially involved. The falsification consisted of the addition of vanadate to tubes containing certain substances. In order to cover up my initial falsification, I also falsified the experiments of others who were doing related experiments. I only falsified these subsequent experiments to the extent necessary to cover up the original falsification and did not falsify any other experiments.

The research misconduct was significant because the research focused on the study of signal transduction by lipid messenger molecules, which play an important role in regulating cellular processes as diverse as wound repair, regeneration of injured corneal tissues, adipocyte growth obesity, and cell division potentially involved in the development of cancers.

Mr. Xu has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement (Agreement) in which he has voluntarily agreed for a period of four (4) years, beginning on November 10, 2003:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility or involvement in nonprocurement programs of the United States Government referred to as ''covered transactions'' as defined in the debarment regulations at 45 CFR part 76; and

(2) to exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 750, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443–5330.

Chris B. Pascal,

Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498–1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: HIV Prevention Capacity-Building Assistance Information Collection: Reporting and Monitoring System—New—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background

CDC is requesting a 3-year clearance for information collection forms to monitor the HIV prevention activities of CBA provider grantees funded by CDC from 2004 to 2009. These forms will be used to collect information that assists in monitoring CBA services and activities. CDC is responsible for monitoring and evaluating HIV prevention activities conducted under these cooperative agreements. This requires that CDC have current information regarding the progress of CBA activities and services supported through these cooperative agreements. Therefore, forms such as the Trimester Interim Progress Report, CBA Notification Form, CBA Completion Form, CBA Training Events Report are considered a critical component of the monitoring and evaluation process. Since, this program will encompass approximately 36 CBA provider organizations, there is a need for a standardized system for reporting individual episodes of CBA delivered by all CBA provider grantees. The collection of data will help CDC discern and refine national goals and objectives in the prevention of HIV.

CBA providers will be required to submit CBA Trimester Progress Reports (form A). The purpose of the CBA Trimester Progress Report is to describe CBA undertaken during the previous four months. The Trimester Progress Report will be a narrative on the programs' successes and barriers; process and outcome monitoring data; collaborative and cooperative activities with other organizations; and plans for future activities.

To effectively track and monitor all requests for capacity-building assistance, CBA providers will be required to submit a CBA Notification Form (form B) following each contact with a CBO or HIV prevention stakeholder for CBA services. The purpose of this form is to track all requests for services from CBOs, health departments and stakeholders. Requests for CBA from these CBOs and stakeholders are received by CBA providers on an on-going basis.

CBA providers will also be required to submit a CBA Completion Form (form C) following each episode of CBA service delivered to all CBOs and stakeholders. The purpose of this form is to provide feedback and follow-up information to CDC Project Officers on the types of CBA services and quality of services that were delivered to all CBOs by CBA Providers. CBA Requests from CBOs, health departments, and stakeholders are received by CBA providers on an on-going basis. Information collection will be on-going throughout the duration of the cooperative agreements.

In addition, CBA providers will be required to submit pre-planned CBA training events for a CBA Training Events Report (form D). The CBA Training Events Report is used to disseminate planned capacity building assistance activities delivered by CBA providers, the CDC and other organizations providing training and technical assistance. The calendar is also used as a marketing tool to let CBOs, health departments and stakeholders know what types of