

Number of respondents: 40.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: The recordkeeping requirements of this information collection are mandatory (section 5(c) of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)); sections 7 and 13(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3106 and 3108(a)); section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA) (12 U.S.C. 601–604a); section 25A of the FRA (12 U.S.C. 611–631); and Regulation K (12 CFR 211.8(c))). Since the Federal Reserve does not collect this information no issue of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) arises. FOIA will only be implicated if the Board's examiners retain a copy of the records in their examination or supervision of the institution, and would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), (b)(6), and (b)(8)).

Abstract: Internationally active U.S. banking organizations are expected to maintain adequate internal records to allow examiners to review for compliance with the investment provisions of Regulation K. For each investment made under Subpart A of Regulation K, records should be maintained regarding the type of investment, for example, equity (voting shares, nonvoting shares, partnerships, interests conferring ownership rights, participating loans), binding commitments, capital contributions, and subordinated debt; the amount of the investment; the percentage ownership; activities conducted by the company and the legal authority for such activities; and whether the investment was made under general consent, prior notice, or specific consent authority. With respect to investments made under general consent authority, information also must be maintained that demonstrates compliance with the various limits set out in Section 211.9 of Regulation K.

2. Report title: Recordkeeping Requirements Associated with Real Estate Appraisal Standards for Federally Related Transactions Pursuant to Regulations H and Y.

Agency form number: FR H–4.

OMB Control number: 7100–0250.

Frequency: Event-generated.

Reporters: SMBs and subsidiaries of BHCs.

Annual reporting hours: SMBs, 27,775; subsidiaries of BHCs, 39,813.

Estimated average hours per response: 0.25 hours.

Number of respondents: 1,785.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 3331–3351). Since the Federal

Reserve does not collect this information, no issue of confidentiality under FOIA arises.

Abstract: For federally related transactions, Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 requires SMBs and BHCs with credit extending subsidiaries to use appraisals prepared in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Generally, these standards include the methods and techniques used to analyze a property as well as the requirements for reporting such analysis and a value conclusion in the appraisal. There is no formal reporting form and the information is not submitted to the Federal Reserve.

3. Report title: Request for Proposal (RFP) and Request for Price Quotations (RFPQ).

Agency form number: RFP/RFPQ.

OMB Control number: 7100–0180.

Frequency: On-occasion.

Reporters: Vendors and suppliers.

Annual reporting hours: 7,858 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: RFP, 50 hours; RFPQ, 2 hours.

Number of respondents: RFP, 120; RFPQ, 929.

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection is required to obtain a benefit (12 U.S.C. 243, 244, and 248). This information collection is not given confidential treatment unless a respondent requests that portions of the information be kept confidential and the Board's staff grants the request pursuant to the applicable exemptions provided by FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses the RFP and the RFPQ as needed to obtain competitive bids and contracts submitted by vendors (offerors). Depending upon the goods and services for which the Federal Reserve Board is seeking bids, the offeror is requested to provide either prices for providing the goods or services (RFPQ) or a document covering not only prices, but the means of performing a particular service and a description of the qualification of the staff of the offeror who will perform the service (RFP). The Board staff uses this information to analyze the proposals and select the offer providing the best value.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 31, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 03–19972 Filed 8–5–03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6210–01–P

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 <http://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 August 29, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. Northwest Equity Corp., Buffalo Grove, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of 1st Equity Bank Northwest (in organization), Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. Lauritzen Corporation, and First National of Nebraska, Inc., both of Omaha, Nebraska; to retain their interest in Inficorp Holdings, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, upon the conversion of Infibank, N.A., Atlanta, Georgia, to a full service bank.