

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.

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 August 24, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *First M&F Corporation*, Kosciusko, Mississippi; to acquire Community Federal Bancorp, Inc., Tupelo, Mississippi, and its subsidiary, Community Federal Savings Bank, Tupelo, Mississippi, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y. Comments regarding this application must be received no later than September 3, 1999.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Community First Bankshares, Inc.*, Fargo, North Dakota; to acquire Community Insurance, Fargo, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire B & I Insurance, Inc., Gordon, Nebraska, and thereby engage in general insurance activities in a community with a population not exceeding 5,000, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 4, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate 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.

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 August 25, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Wells Fargo & Company*, San Francisco, California; Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; and Norwest Ventures, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa; to engage *de novo* through a joint venture, MSC Mortgage, LLC, Sarasota, Florida, in residential mortgage lending, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 5, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FPMR H-76]

### Utilization and Disposal

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** The attached bulletin provides all Federal agencies with information on the disposal of excess biomedical equipment and IT equipment with potential Y2K defects.

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### GSA Bulletin FPMR H-76—Utilization and Disposal

To: Heads of Federal agencies

**SUBJECT:** Disposal of Year 2000 (Y2K) Noncompliant Biomedical Equipment and Information Technology (IT) Equipment

1. *What is the purpose of this bulletin?* Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) part 101-42 provides policy direction with respect to hazardous materials, which includes excess biomedical equipment. It also provides for the reporting of IT equipment as described in FPMR 101-43.304. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide further information for agencies on the disposal of excess biomedical and IT equipment with potential Y2K defects.

2. *When does this bulletin expire?* This bulletin contains information of a continuing nature and will remain in effect until canceled or revised.

3. *What is the background?* The Y2K technology problem relates to the inability of some automated equipment to correctly recognize dates after 1999. This inability may affect the normal operation of information technology equipment and biomedical equipment. In biomedical equipment, the Y2K problem may present a potential risk to public health and safety if not corrected. In response to this potential risk, GSA is providing guidance to executive agencies on the disposal of such equipment when it becomes excess.

4. *What does this bulletin cover?* This bulletin applies to (1) biomedical equipment listed on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) critical list, and (2) IT equipment. The FDA critical list includes biomedical equipment identified by the FDA as having the greatest potential for presenting a risk to patients if a date problem is not corrected. Federal agencies should consult the FDA's Federal Y2K Biomedical Clearinghouse (Y2K Clearinghouse) located at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/yr2000/year2000.html> for information on equipment on the FDA list.

5. *Disposal of biomedical equipment.*

a. *What is extremely hazardous biomedical equipment?* For disposal purposes, Y2K noncompliant biomedical equipment may be identified as "extremely hazardous" in accordance FPMR 101-42.001. Extremely hazardous in this instance is Y2K noncompliant biomedical equipment that has been determined by the holding agency to endanger public health or safety, or the environment, if it is not rendered harmless before being used by other agencies or released outside the government.

b. *Who determines the status of biomedical equipment?* Biomedical