

Dated: March 21, 1995.

**Joseph C. Polking,**

*Secretary.*

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**Security for the Protection of the Public Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation; Notice of Issuance of Certification (Performance)**

Notice is hereby given that the following have been issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of Section 3, Public Law 89-777 (46 U.S.C. 817(e)) and the Federal Maritime Commission's implementing regulations at 46 CFR part 540, as amended:

Discovery Sun Partnership, Discovery Sun Cruises, Inc. and Discovery Sun Tours, Inc., 1850 Eller drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Vessel: DISCOVERY SUN

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**Security for the Protection of the Public Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons on Voyages; Notice of Issuance of Certificate (Casualty)**

Notice is hereby given that the following have been issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons on Voyages pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, Public Law 89-777 (46 U.S.C. 817(d)) and the Federal Maritime Commission's implementing regulations at 46 CFR part 540, as amended:

Radisson Seven Seas Cruises, Inc., Seven Seas Enterprise, Inc. and Seven Seas Nassau Limited, 600 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334

Vessel: SONG OF FLOWER

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., et al.; Notice of Applications to Engage de novo in Permissible Nonbanking Activities**

The companies listed in this notice have filed an application under § 225.23(a)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23(a)(1)) for the Board's approval under section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) and § 225.21(a) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.21(a)) to commence or to engage *de novo*, either directly or through a subsidiary, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

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 10, 1995.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.*, Dublin, Ireland; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary First Maryland Bancorp, Baltimore, Maryland, in making investments in limited partnerships the primary purposes of which is to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate low- and moderate- income housing, which projects are intended to qualify for the Low Income Tax Credit under the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (James M. Lyon, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *First State Bancorp, Inc.*, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; to engage *de novo* in making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**James River Bankshares, Inc., et al.; Formations of; Acquisitions by; and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied for the Board's approval under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842) and § 225.14 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.14) to become a bank holding company or to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in section 3(c) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Each application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute and summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received not later than April 20, 1995.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *James River Bankshares, Inc.*, Suffolk, Virginia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Suffolk, Suffolk, Virginia, and The Bank of Waverly, Waverly, Virginia.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (James M. Lyon, Vice

President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Comfort Bancshares, Inc., Comfort, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Comfort State Bank, Comfort, Texas.

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**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Refugee Resettlement

#### Administration for Children and Families

#### Availability of Funding for Alternative Approaches to the Provision of Cash Assistance, Medical Assistance, Social Services, and Case Management to Refugees<sup>1</sup>

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Request for applications under the Office of Refugee Resettlement's program to implement alternative projects to provide cash assistance, medical assistance, social services, and case management to refugees. This notice supersedes the notice published in the *Federal Register* of June 11, 1985 (50 FR 24583).

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Eligible applicants for the alternative program grants include public and private non-profit organizations, such as States and public and private non-profit organizations and institutions.

**SUMMARY:** This is a standing announcement. It governs the competitive award of grants for the

<sup>1</sup> In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, eligibility for refugee services also includes: (1) Cuban and Haitian entrants, under section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-422); (2) certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. No. 100-202); and (3) certain Amerasians from Vietnam, including U.S. citizens, under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, 1989 (Pub. L. No. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. No. 101-513). For convenience, the term "refugee" is used in this notice to encompass all such eligible persons unless the specific context indicates otherwise.

purpose of implementing alternative programs in order to improve the outcomes of the refugee resettlement program. Improvement is to be achieved by promoting employment at the earliest time possible, by increasing economic independence among refugees, and by improving delivery and coordination of assistance and services to refugees.

The intent of this announcement is to encourage Wilson/Fish alternative projects in areas where refugees have had a history of extended welfare utilization. Projects are also encouraged where there is interest in restructuring the program to become more cost effective: (a) By increasing the number of refugees who become self-sufficient, (b) by avoiding welfare dependency in the arriving refugee populations, and (c) by increasing coordination among assistance and social services agencies.

Alternative programs that provide interim cash and medical assistance to the project's refugees must be an alternative to Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), and/or Aid To Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Medicaid Programs. Refugees receiving assistance through Wilson/Fish alternative projects are not eligible to receive comparable assistance from RCA/RMA and/or AFDC/Medicaid for which the Wilson/Fish projects are alternatives. However, this applies only to the assistance provided; e.g., if only cash assistance is provided under the alternative project, refugees would continue to be eligible for medical assistance (RMA or Medicaid) and the State would continue to receive reimbursement for RMA from ORR and from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) for Medicaid.

ORR has no separate funding appropriated for the implementation of the alternative projects. Successful applicants will be awarded grants from existing ORR appropriations for cash and medical assistance and for social services. The grant awards must be reconciled with the level of funds the project's target population would otherwise receive during the same budget and project periods under the current program. If AFDC refugees are part of the application's target population, funds also will be awarded from the Federal share of Title IV-A (AFDC) assistance and from HCFA for Title XIX (Medicaid), if the project proposes an alternative to Medicaid. The State government will be required to contribute its share of funds for these programs as they would in the absence of an alternative project.

This announcement is soliciting applications for project periods up to

five years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period but within the five year project period will be entertained in subsequent years on a noncompetitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the project and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government. In the event that changes to the previously approved project are proposed, these changes will be reviewed by the same criteria used for the original application. These criteria are: (a) Increasing refugee self-sufficiency, (b) avoiding welfare dependency, and (c) increasing coordination among the service providers and the voluntary agencies. For the first two years of the project, funds will be awarded under a cooperative agreement. Whether to continue subsequent awards under a cooperative agreement will be within the discretion of the Director.

This announcement also provides for an alternative project to be a vehicle to continue resettlement programs in States where the State government chooses not to administer RCA/RMA or equivalent programs.

The authorizing legislation permits alternative projects for refugees who have been in the U.S. less than 36 months, but it also permits projects to cover specific groups of refugees who have been in the U.S. for 36 months or longer and are determined to have been significantly and disproportionately dependent upon welfare, if the services proposed are needed for them to become self-sufficient and if including them under the project would be cost-effective.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This is a standing announcement. Review of applications will take place twice a year, or at the discretion of the Director, as indicated under "REVIEW AND DUE DATES."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allan Gall, Director, Division of Operations, Office of Refugee Resettlement, 6th Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447, (202) 401-9251.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Projects are authorized by section 412(e)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7). The applicable text of this provision, known as the "alternative projects amendment," follows:

(7)(A) The Secretary shall develop and implement alternative projects for refugees who have been in the United States less than thirty-six months, under which refugees are