

information collection to account for this disclosure provision.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The information collections contained within the Policy Statement, as well as the self-assessment reporting template, are authorized by section 342 of the Dodd-Frank Act,² which requires the Board's OMWI director to develop standards for assessing regulated entities' diversity policies and practices. The information collections associated with the Policy Statement are voluntary, as is the use of the self-assessment reporting template. The Transparency Standard, and a portion of the Self-Assessment Standard, call for regulated entities to provide information to the public, so confidentiality is not an issue with respect to those aspects of the Policy Statement. A regulated entity may provide self-assessment material to the Board (including through use of the reporting template) containing confidential commercial information that is protectable under exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.³ If a regulated entity submits confidential commercial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by the entity, the entity should separately designate such information as "confidential commercial information," as appropriate, and the Board will treat such designated information as confidential to the extent permitted by law, including the Freedom of Information Act.⁴ As noted in the Policy Statement, an entity's primary federal regulator may share information obtained from regulated entities with other Agencies, but the Agencies will only publish information disclosed to them in a form that does not identify a particular entity or individual or disclose confidential business information.

Consultation outside the agency: The Agencies worked together to develop standards for assessing the diversity policies and practices of their regulated entities. The Board will continue to reach out to the regulated entities and other interested parties to discuss diversity and inclusion in the financial services industry and share leading practices. The primary federal financial regulator will share information with other agencies, when appropriate, to support coordination of efforts and to avoid duplication.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 25, 2020.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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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, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also 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)).

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than April 1, 2020.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Kathryn Haney, Assistant Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Comments can also be sent electronically to Applications.Comments@atl.frb.org:

1. *Business First Bancshares, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana*; to merge with *Pedestal Bancshares, Inc.*, thereby indirectly acquire *Pedestal Bank*, both of Houma, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 26, 2020.

Yao-Chin Chao,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Survey of Small Business and Farm Lending (SSBFL) (FR 2028; OMB No. 7100-0061).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 2028, by any of the following methods:

- **Agency website:** <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.

- **Email:** regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB number in the subject line of the message.

- **FAX:** (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.

- **Mail:** Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 146, 1709 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452-3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235,

² 12 U.S.C. 5452.

³ 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

⁴ 5 U.S.C. 552.