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.

Comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 20, 1995.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

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

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 28, 1995.

#### Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board. [FR Doc. 95–5362 Filed 3–3–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6210–01–F

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families and the Public Health Service

[Program Announcement No. OCS 95–12]

# Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Service; and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Public Health Service; in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ACTION: Notice of the availability of financial assistance and request for applications to establish a National Domestic Violence Hotline.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, announces the availability of funds in fiscal year 1995 for the award of one cooperative agreement on a competitive basis to operate a national, toll-free telephone hotline to provide information and assistance to victims of domestic violence. This announcement contains all of the application materials needed to apply for this cooperative agreement.

The purpose of the national domestic violence hotline is to provide information and referral services, counseling, and assistance to victims of domestic violence, their children and other family members, and others affected by such violence and to enable them to find safety and protection in crisis situations. The successful applicant will be required to provide telephonic assistance on a 24 hour-perday, seven day-a-week basis throughout the continental United States, and in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is June 5, 1995. ADDRESSES: Applications may be mailed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families/Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., 6th Floor, (OCS 95-12) Washington, DC. 20447.

Hand delivered applications are accepted during the normal working hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on or prior to the established closing date at:

Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, 901 D Street, SW., 6th Floor (OCS 95–12), OFM/DDG, Washington, DC 20447.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William D. Riley, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of State Assistance, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, DC. 20447. Telephone (202) 401–5529.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program announcement consists of four parts. Part I provides information on the legislative authority applicable to this announcement and background information on the proposed national domestic violence hotline. Part II describes the minimum requirements for the design of the hotline that the applicant must address in its application. Part III describes the evaluation criteria. Part IV provides information and instructions for the development and submission of an application.

The forms to be used for submitting an application follow Part IV. Please

copy and use these forms in submitting an application under this announcement. No additional application materials are available or needed to submit an application.

Applicants should note that the cooperative agreement to be awarded under this program announcement is subject to the availability of funds.

## **Part I: General Information**

#### A. Legislative Authority

Title III of the Child Abuse Amendments of 1984, (Pub. L. 98–457, 42 U.S.C. 10401, et seq.) is entitled the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (the Act). The Act was first implemented in FY 1986, was reauthorized and amended in 1992 by Pub. L. 102–295, and was reauthorized and amended for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 by Pub. L. 103–322, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Crime Bill), signed into law on September 13, 1994.

One part of the Crime Bill, the Violence Against Women Act, added section 316 to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize a grant award for up to five years to provide for the operation of a national, toll-free telephone hotline to provide information and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

## B. Conceptual Framework and Scope of Services

The prevalence of family violence is widespread and its effective prevention and treatment requires coordination and collaboration among a broad range of legal, justice system, health, and social service providers, and advocates at the Federal, State and local levels.

To serve the wide range of expected calls effectively, the hotline must have expertise about domestic violence and services to victims of domestic violence. The staff also must understand the importance of using appropriate linkages with State and local resources to serve callers to the hotline. The benefits of a highly visible national hotline to victims and others will be directly related to the productive working relationships and coordinated provision of services between and among the hotline and State and local hotlines and other services and resources.

Calls to the hotline may range from the urgent and life-threatening to calls for general reference information. The target population to be served by the hotline is specified in the statute as "victims of domestic violence." The hotline should be prepared to respond to the broad range of violence that