

System and adopts a policy for trade names and names of subsidiaries.

Official Names

The FCA Board will approve an official name for a Farm Credit System bank,¹ association, or service corporation that meets the following two requirements:

- The name includes *appropriate identification* of the institution as a System institution; and
- The name is not *misleading* or inappropriate.
- *Appropriate identification* means the name contains either 1) the relevant statutory or regulatory designation, or its corresponding acronym, or 2) other appropriate identification as a System institution. Relevant statutory and regulatory designations, and their corresponding acronyms, are as follows:
 - Agricultural Credit Bank or ACB.
 - Bank for Cooperatives or BC.
 - Farm Credit Bank or FCB.
 - Agricultural Credit Association or ACA.
 - Production Credit Association or PCA.
 - Federal Land Credit Association or FLCA.
 - Federal Land Bank Association or FLBA.

Other *appropriate identification* as a System institution includes the following:

- Farm Credit Services.
- Farm Credit.
- FCS.
- A member of the Farm Credit System.

Misleading names are those that a reasonable person might find confusing. For example, we would not issue a charter to an institution requesting a name that is the same as or similar to that of an existing institution because the public might find this confusing. Merely avoiding identical names is not enough; to minimize confusion, a proposed name must sufficiently distinguish an institution from other institutions. If the Agency had approved a charter for an institution using MyTown, ACA, as its official name, it would not issue a charter for an institution proposing ACA of MyTown or MyTown Farm Credit Services, ACA, as its official name. Nor would we issue a charter with the phrase "farm credit association" as part of the official name, because the inevitable use of the acronym "FCA" would be confused with the name of the Agency. Also, we would not approve a name for an

institution that could cause the public to confuse that institution's authorities and services with those of a commercial bank, thrift institution, or credit union. For example, we would not issue a charter to a System institution requesting the term "national bank" in its official name because this could cause confusion regarding the services the institution may offer.

Trade Names

A System institution may use a trade name. The trade name may not be misleading. If an institution uses a trade name, it must use both the official and trade names in all written communications.

Related Issues

If an ACA and its subsidiaries operate under substantially different names, they must clearly identify the parent/subsidiary relationship in all written communications. For example, if MyTown, PCA, is a subsidiary of EveryTown, ACA, the PCA must identify itself as a subsidiary of the parent ACA in its written communications.

Please note that while the FCA cannot reserve names, the Patent and Trademark Office will register names under certain conditions. When applying for a name change or new charter, System institutions should submit a statement indicating whether they have applied for a trademark in that name.

This statement addresses only FCA's policy. Other laws, such as Federal or state trademark laws, may apply. Institutions should ensure that their official and trade names do not infringe the trademarks or service marks of other companies. Institutions may wish to consult legal counsel to determine whether their proposed names could be challenged or protected under state or federal law.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2000.

By Order of the Board.

Nan P. Mitchem,
Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

Dated: November 17, 2005.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

November 17, 2005.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, December 1, 2005.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Secretary of Labor v. Martin County Coal Corporation and Geo/Environmental Associates*, Docket Nos. KENT 2002-42-R, KENT 2002-43-R, KENT 2002-44-R, KENT 2002-45-R, KENT 2002-251, KENT 2002-261, and KENT 2002-262. (Issues include whether the judge properly dismissed citations issued to Martin County Coal Corp. and Geo/Environmental Associates for various violations of 30 CFR 77.216(d), 77.216-3(d), and 77.216-4(a)(2); whether Martin County Coal Corp. violated 30 CFR 77.216(d) as found by the judge; and whether and Geo/Environmental Associates violated 30 CFR 77.216-4(a)(7) as found by the judge).

The Commission will hear oral argument in this matter on November 17, 2005.

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs, subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[FAI N03]

Federal Acquisition Institute/Defense Acquisition University Vendor Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will hold

¹ Farm Credit System bank includes Farm Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, and Agricultural Credit Banks.