The notices listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and §225.41 of the Board’s Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than April 26, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President), 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414.

Larry G. Gerdes, Atlanta, Georgia, joining the Gerdes Control Group, consisting of Steven H. Gerdes, Houston, Texas, as a group acting in concert, to acquire voting shares of Citizens Bancshares, Inc., Walnut, Illinois and thereby acquire Citizens First State Bank, Walnut, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 7, 2017.

Ann E. Mishack,
Secretary of the Board.

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.