

acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

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 May 6, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *National City Corporation*, Cleveland, Ohio; to acquire, through National Processing Company, Louisville, Kentucky, up to a 29 percent equity interest in INFITEQ, LLC, Dallas, Texas, and thereby engage in providing management consulting and counseling activities, support services, and data processing and data transmission activities, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(9), (b)(10), and (b)(14) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 16, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

### Cost Accounting Standards Board Review Panel; Notice of Web Page

The Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Review Panel was established in March 1998 to study, analyze, and assess the mission of the CASB in light of recent federal acquisition reforms. Formed at the request of Congress, the panel includes members from government, industry, and the accounting profession. It is anticipated that the panel will conclude its studies, analyses, and deliberations by the end of the current year and issue a report with recommendations to the Congress in early 1999.

In conducting its work, the panel is seeking to obtain broad input from all interested parties including those in the government contracting community, academia, the accounting profession, and industry. At this time, the panel is seeking general comments on what are the most pertinent issues the panel should address regarding the CASB's mission in light of acquisition reform, its current structure, composition and membership, and the CASB's staff resources. As the panel proceeds with its work and focuses its attention on more specific issues, additional public comments on those issues will be solicited. Individuals interested in submitting comments to the panel can do so by visiting the CASB Review Panel's web page at <http://www.gao.gov> or can leave recorded messages at (202) 512-4501.

**Ralph C. Dawn,**

*Executive Director, Cost Accounting Standards Board Review Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-98-5]

### Fiscal Year 1998 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to carry out model Pension Information and Counseling Projects whose purpose is to demonstrate innovative and effective means for ensuring that those older Americans eligible for pension benefits have the requisite knowledge, information, and counseling to exercise fully their rights and entitlements.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for three (3) to five (5) projects. Since 1993, the AoA has supported several model pension information and counseling projects at various sites throughout the country. This program announcement is designed to build on that effort by extending the opportunity for program innovation in pension counseling and information dissemination to other regions of the country.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is June 21, 1998. As provided by Title IV, Section 429 of the

Older Americans Act, eligibility for grant awards is limited to state and area agencies on aging and to nonprofit organizations with proven experience in the counseling of older persons regarding retirement benefits and pension rights.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Program Operations and Development, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4270, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/619-0011.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

**Jeanette C. Takamura,**

*Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

[Program Announcement 98045; (Former Announcement Number 123)]

### Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1999

#### Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces that applications are being accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1999 training grants in occupational safety and health. The purpose of these grants is to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. This announcement includes an expanded emphasis on research and research training and an emphasis on establishing new and innovative training technologies for both Education and Research Centers (ERCs), formerly known as Educational Resource Centers, and Training Project Grants (TPGs).

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Occupational Safety and Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.")

**Authority**

This program is authorized under section 21(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 670(a)). Regulations applicable to this program are in 42 CFR part 86, "Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health."

**Smoke-Free Workplace**

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the nonuse of all tobacco products, and Pub. L. 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

**Restrictions on Lobbying**

Applicants should be aware of restrictions on the use of HHS funds for lobbying of Federal or State legislative bodies. Under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352 (which has been in effect since December 23, 1989), recipients (and their subtier contractors) are prohibited from using appropriated Federal funds (other than profits from a Federal contract) for lobbying congress or any Federal agency in connection with the award of a particular contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan. This includes grants/cooperative agreements that, in whole or in part, involve conferences for which Federal funds cannot be used directly or indirectly to encourage participants to lobby or to instruct participants on how to lobby.

In addition, the FY 1998 Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105-78) states in section 503 (a) and (b) that no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relations, for publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress or any State legislature, except in presentation to the Congress or any State legislature itself. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress or any State legislature.

**Eligible Applicants**

Any public or private educational or training agency or institution that has demonstrated competency in the occupational safety and health field and is located in a State, the District of Columbia, or U.S. Territory is eligible to apply for a training grant.

**Availability of Funds and Types of Training Awards and Applicant Characteristics**

CDC expects approximately \$11,500,000 to be available in FY 1999.

A. Approximately \$10,400,000 of the total funds available will be utilized as follows:

1. To award approximately fourteen non-competing continuation and one competing continuation or new Occupational Safety and Health ERC training grants totaling approximately \$8,200,000 and ranging from approximately \$400,000 to \$800,000 with the average award being approximately \$550,000. An Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center shall be an identifiable organizational unit within the sponsoring organization. Applicants must meet the following characteristics in order to be considered responsive. If the characteristics are not met, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed.

a. Cooperative arrangements with a medical school or teaching hospital (with an established program in preventive or occupational medicine); with a school of nursing or its equivalent; with a school of public health or its equivalent; or with a school of engineering or its equivalent. It is expected that other schools or departments with relevant disciplines and resources shall be represented and shall contribute as appropriate to the conduct of the total program, e.g., epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics, environmental health, law, business administration, and education. Specific mechanisms to implement the cooperative arrangements between departments, schools/colleges, universities, etc., shall be demonstrated in order to assure that the intended multidisciplinary training and education will be engendered.

b. A Center Director who possesses a demonstrated capacity for sustained productivity and leadership in occupational health and safety education and training. The Director shall oversee the general operation of the Center Program and shall, to the extent possible, directly participate in training activities. A Deputy Director

shall be responsible for managing the daily administrative duties of the Center and to increase the Center Director's availability to ERC staff and to the public.

c. Program Directors who are full-time faculty and professional staff representing various disciplines and qualifications relevant to occupational safety and health who are capable of planning, establishing, and carrying out or administering training projects undertaken by the Center. Each academic program, as well as the continuing education and outreach program shall have a Program Director.

d. Faculty and staff with demonstrated training and research expertise, appropriate facilities and ongoing training and research activities in occupational safety and health areas.

e. A program for conducting education and training in four core disciplines: occupational physicians, occupational health nurses, industrial hygienists, and occupational safety personnel. There shall be a minimum of five full-time students in each of the core programs, with a goal of a minimum of 30 full-time students (total in all of core programs together). Centers are encouraged to recruit and train minority students to help address the under-representation of minorities among the occupational safety and health professional workforce.

Although it is desirable for a Center to have the full range of core programs, a Center with a minimum of three components of which two are in the core disciplines is eligible for support providing it is demonstrated that students will be exposed to the principles and issues of all four core disciplines. In order to maximize the unique strengths and capabilities of institutions, consideration will be given to the development of: new and innovative academic programs that are relevant to the occupational safety and health field, e.g., ergonomics, industrial toxicology, occupational injury prevention, and occupational epidemiology; and to innovative technological approaches to training and education. Centers must also document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. Each core program curriculum shall include courses from non-core categories as well as appropriate clinical rotations and field experiences with public health and safety agencies and with labor-management health and safety groups. Where possible, field experience shall involve students representing other disciplines in a manner similar to that

used in team surveys and other team approaches. Centers should address the importance of providing training and education content related to special populations at risk, including minority workers and other sub-populations specified in the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) special populations at risk category.

f. A specific plan describing how trainees will be exposed to the principles of all other occupational safety and health core and allied disciplines. Consortium Centers generally have geographic, policy and other barriers to achieving this Center characteristic and, therefore, must give special, if not innovative, attention to thoroughly describing the approach for fulfilling the multidisciplinary interaction between students.

g. Demonstrated impact of the ERC on the curriculum taught by relevant medical specialties, including family practice, internal medicine, dermatology, orthopedics, pathology, radiology, neurology, perinatal medicine, psychiatry, etc., and on the curriculum of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education of primary core disciplines as well as relevant medical specialties and the curriculum of other schools such as engineering, business, and law.

h. An outreach program to interact with and help other institutions or agencies located within the region. Programs shall be designed to address regional needs and implement innovative strategies for meeting those needs. Partnerships and collaborative relationships shall be encouraged between ERCs and Training Project Grants. Programs to address the underrepresentation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals shall be encouraged. Specific efforts should be made to conduct outreach activities to develop collaborative training programs with academic institutions serving minority and other special populations, such as Tribal Colleges and Universities. Examples of outreach activities might include activities such as: Interaction with other colleges and schools within the ERC and with other universities or institutions in the region to integrate occupational safety and health principles and concepts within existing curricula (e.g., Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering, Architecture, Law, and Arts and Sciences); exchange of occupational safety and health faculty among regional educational institutions; providing curriculum materials and consultation for curriculum/course development in other institutions; use of a visiting

faculty program to involve labor and management leaders; cooperative and collaborative arrangements with professional societies, scientific associations, and boards of accreditation, certification, or licensure; and presentation of awareness seminars to undergraduate and secondary educational institutions (e.g., high school science fairs and career days) as well as to labor, management and community associations.

i. A specific plan for preparing, distributing and conducting courses, seminars and workshops to provide short-term and continuing education training courses for physicians, nurses, industrial hygienists, safety engineers and other occupational safety and health professionals, paraprofessionals and technicians, including personnel from labor-management health and safety committees, in the geographical region in which the Center is located. The goal shall be that the training be made available to a minimum of 400 trainees per year representing all of the above categories of personnel, on an approximate proportional basis with emphasis given to providing occupational safety and health training to physicians in family practice, as well as industrial practice, industrial nurses, and safety engineers. Priority shall be given to establishing new and innovative training technologies, including distance learning programs and to short-term programs designed to prepare a cadre of practitioners in occupational safety and health. Where appropriate, it shall be professionally acceptable that Continuing Education Units (as approved by appropriate professional associations) may be awarded. These courses should be structured so that higher educational institutions, public health and safety agencies, professional societies or other appropriate agencies can utilize them to provide training at the local level to occupational health and safety personnel working in the workplace. Further, the Center shall conduct periodic training needs assessments, shall develop a specific plan to meet these needs, and shall have demonstrated capability for implementing such training directly and through other institutions or agencies in the region. The Center should establish and maintain cooperative efforts with labor unions, government agencies, and industry trade associations, where appropriate, thus serving as a regional resource for addressing the problems of occupational safety and health that are faced by State and local governments, labor and management.

j. A Board of Advisors or Consultants representing the user and affected population, including representatives of labor, industry, government agencies, academic institutions and professional associations, shall be established by the Center. The Board shall meet regularly to advise a Center Executive Committee and to provide periodic evaluation of Center activities. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Center Director and Deputy Director, academic Program Directors, the Directors for Continuing Education and Outreach and others whom the Center Director may appoint to assist in governing the internal affairs of the Center.

k. A plan to incorporate research training into all aspects of training and, in research institutions, as documented by on-going funded research and faculty publications, a defined research training plan for training doctoral-level researchers in the occupational safety and health field. The plan will include how the Center intends to strengthen existing research training efforts, how it will integrate research training activities into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences, how it will expand these research activities to have an impact on other primarily clinically-oriented disciplines, such as nursing and medicine, and how it will build on and utilize existing research opportunities in the institution. Each ERC is required to identify or develop a minimum of one, preferably more, areas of research focus related to work environment problems. Consideration shall be given to the CDC/NIOSH priority research areas identified in the National Occupational Health Research Agenda (NORA). (This publication may be obtained from NIOSH). The research training plan will address how students will be instructed and instilled with critical research perspectives and skills. This training will emphasize the importance of developing and working on interdisciplinary teams appropriate for addressing a research issue. It should also prepare students with the skill necessary for developing research protocols, pilot studies, outreach efforts to transfer research findings into practice, and successful research proposals. Such components of research training will require the Centers to strive toward developing the faculty composition and administrative infrastructure essential to being Centers of Excellence in Occupational Safety and Health Research Training that are required to train research leaders of the future. The plan should address the incremental growth of such elements

and evaluation of the plan commensurate with funds available. In addition to the research training components, the plan will also include such items as specific strategies for obtaining student and faculty funding, plans for acquiring equipment, if appropriate, and a plan for developing research-oriented faculty.

1. Evidence in obtaining support from other sources, including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

2. To award four non-competing continuation training grants totaling approximately \$250,000 of the available funds as specified in A.1. The awards will be made to ERCs to support the development of specialized educational programs in agricultural safety and health within the existing core disciplines of industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, occupational health nursing, and occupational safety. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to educate professionals in agricultural safety and health.

3. To award approximately thirty-two, non-competing continuation and six competing continuation or new long-term training project grants (TPG) totaling \$2,200,000 and ranging from approximately \$10,000 to \$500,000, with the average award being \$58,000, to support academic programs in the core disciplines (i.e., industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational/industrial medicine, and occupational safety and ergonomics) and relevant components (e.g., occupational injury prevention, industrial toxicology, ergonomics). The awards are normally for training programs of 1 academic year. They are intended to augment the scope, enrollment, and quality of training programs rather than to replace funds already available for current operations. Applicants must also document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. Applicants should address the importance of providing training and education content related to special populations at risk, including minority and disadvantaged workers. The types of training currently eligible for support are:

a. Graduate training for practice, teaching, and research careers in occupational safety and health. Priority will be given to programs producing graduates in areas of greatest occupational safety and health need.

Strong consideration will be given to the establishment of innovative training technologies including distance learning programs.

b. Undergraduate and other pre-baccalaureate training providing trainees with capabilities for positions in occupational safety and health professions.

c. Special technical or other programs for long-term training of occupational safety and health technicians or specialists.

d. Special programs for development of occupational safety and health training curricula and educational materials, including mechanisms for effectiveness testing and implementation.

Awards will be made for a 1- to 5-year project period with an annual budget period. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Non-competing continuation awards within the approved project periods will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

B. To award approximately ten non-competing and two competing continuation or new training grants totaling approximately \$1,100,000 of the total funds available. The awards will be made to ERCs to support the development and presentation of continuing education and short courses and academic curricula for trainees and professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances. These funds are provided to NIOSH/CDC through an Interagency Agreement with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). The hazardous substance training (HST) funds are being used to supplement previous hazardous substance continuing education grant support provided to the ERCs in FY 1984 and 1985 under the authority of Title III of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 as amended by SARA for the ERC continuing education programs. The hazardous substance academic training (HSAT) funds are being used to supplement continuing industrial hygiene core program support to develop and offer academic curricula in the hazardous substance field as a specialty area primarily for industrial hygiene trainees. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to provide training and education for occupational safety and health and other professional personnel engaged in the evaluation,

management, and handling of hazardous substances. The policies regarding project periods also apply to these activities.

### Purpose

The objective of this grant program is to award funds to eligible institutions or agencies to assist in providing an adequate supply of qualified professional and para-professional occupational safety and health personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

### Review and Evaluation Criteria

In reviewing ERC grant applications, consideration will be given to:

1. Plans to satisfy the regional needs for training in the areas outlined by the application, including projected enrollment, recruitment and current workforce populations. Special consideration should be given to the development of programs addressing the under-representation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals. Indicators of regional need should include measures utilized by the Center such as previous record of training and placement of graduates. The need for supporting students in allied disciplines must be specifically justified in terms of user community requirements.

2. Extent to which arrangements for day-to-day management, allocation of funds and cooperative arrangements are designed to effectively achieve *Characteristics of an Education and Research Center*. (See A.1.a.-1.)

3. The establishment of new and innovative programs and approaches to training and education relevant to the occupational safety and health field and based on documentation that the program meets specific regional workforce needs. In reviewing such proposed programs, consideration shall be given to the developing nature of the program and its capability to produce graduates who will meet such workforce needs.

4. Extent to which curriculum content and design includes formalized training objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course descriptions, course sequence, additional related courses open to occupational safety and health students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, and the nature of specific field and clinical experiences including their relationships with didactic programs in the educational process.

5. Academic training including the number of full-time and part-time students and graduates for each core

program, the placement of graduates, employment history, and their current location by type of institution (academic, industry, labor, etc.). Previous continuing education training in each discipline and outreach activity and assistance to groups within the ERC region.

6. Methods in use or proposed methods for evaluating the effectiveness of training and outreach including the use of placement services and feedback mechanisms from graduates as well as employers, innovative strategies for meeting regional needs, critiques from continuing education courses, and reports from consultations and cooperative activities with other universities, professional associations, and other outside agencies.

7. Competence, experience and training of the Center Director, the Deputy Center Director, the Program Directors and other professional staff in relation to the type and scope of training and education involved.

8. Institutional commitment to Center goals.

9. Academic and physical environment in which the training will be conducted, including access to appropriate occupational settings.

10. Appropriateness of the budget required to support each academic component of the ERC program, including a separate budget for the academic staff's time and effort in continuing education and outreach.

11. Evidence of the integration of research experience into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences. In institutions seeking funds for doctoral and post-doctoral (physician training) level research training, evidence of a plan describing the research and research training the Center proposes. This shall include goals, elements of the program, research faculty and amount of effort, support faculty, facilities and equipment available and needed, and methods for implementing and evaluating the program.

12. Evidence of success in attaining outside support to supplement the ERC grant funds including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

13. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the ERC and its programs have had on the DHHS Region. Examples could include a continuing education needs assessment, a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, the impact on primary

care practice and training, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

14. Past performance based on evaluation of the most recent CDC/NIOSH Objective Review Summary Statement and the grant application Progress Report (Competing Continuation applications only).

In reviewing ERC grant applications for agricultural safety and health, hazardous substance, and hazardous substance academic training programs, the review and evaluation criteria are specified in the following documents that are available on request:

1. Hazardous Substance Training Program in Educational Resource Centers—Request for Applications, March 10, 1988.

2. Agricultural Safety and Health Education Programs in Educational Resource Centers—Request for Applications, March 5, 1990.

3. Hazardous Substance Academic Training Program in Educational Resource Centers—Request for Applications, August 10, 1992.

In reviewing long-term TPG applications, consideration will be given to:

1. Need for training in the program area outlined by the application. This should include documentation of a plan for student recruitment, projected enrollment, job opportunities, regional need both in quality and quantity, and for programs addressing the under-representation of minorities in the profession of occupational safety and health.

2. Potential contribution of the project toward meeting the needs for graduate or specialized training in occupational safety and health.

3. Curriculum content and design which should include formalized program objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course sequence, related courses open to students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, nature and the interrelationship of these educational approaches. There should also be evidence of integration of research experience into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences.

4. Previous records of training in this or related areas, including placement of graduates.

5. Methods proposed to evaluate effectiveness of the training.

6. Degree of institutional commitment: Is grant support necessary for program initiation or continuation? Will support gradually be assumed? Is

there related instruction that will go on with or without the grant?

7. Adequacy of facilities (classrooms, laboratories, library services, books, and journal holdings relevant to the program, and access to appropriate occupational settings).

8. Competence, experience, training, time commitment to the program and availability of faculty to advise students, faculty/student ratio, and teaching loads of the program director and teaching faculty in relation to the type and scope of training involved. The program director must be a full-time faculty member.

9. Admission Requirements: Student selection standards and procedures, student performance standards and student counseling services.

10. Advisory Committee: Membership, industries and labor groups represented; how often they meet; who they advise, role in designing curriculum and establishing program need.

11. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the program has had on the region. Examples could include a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

12. Past performance based on evaluation of the most recent CDC/NIOSH Objective Review Summary Statement and the grant application Progress Report (Competing Continuation applications only).

#### **Funding Allocation Criteria**

For Education and Research Center grants, the following criteria will be considered in determining funding allocations.

##### **1. Academic Programs**

a. Budget to support programs primarily for personnel and other personnel-related costs. Advanced (doctoral and post-doctoral) and specialty (master's) programs will be considered.

b. Budget to support programs based on program quality/technical merit.

c. Budget to support students based on the program level and the number of students supported.

d. Budget to support research training programs to establish a research base within core disciplines and for the training of researchers in occupational safety and health.

## 2. Center Administration

Budget to support Center administration to assure: coordination and promotion of academic programs; interdisciplinary interaction; meeting of regional workforce needs; and evaluation of impact.

## 3. Continuing Education/Outreach Program

Budget to support outreach and continuing education activities to prepare, distribute, and conduct short courses, seminars, and workshops.

## 4. Hazardous Substance Training Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of continuing education courses for professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances.

## 5. Hazardous Substance Academic Training Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of specialized academic programs in hazardous substance management.

## 6. Agricultural Safety and Health Academic Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of specialized academic programs and continuing education courses in agricultural safety and health.

For Long-Term Training Project grants, the following factors will be considered in determining funding allocations.

### Academic Programs

a. Budget to support programs primarily for personnel and other personnel-related costs. Advanced (doctoral and post-doctoral), specialty (master's), and baccalaureate/associate programs will be considered.

b. Budget to support programs based on program quality/technical merit.

c. Budget to support students based on the program level and the number of students supported.

### Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are not subject to review as governed by Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

### Public Health System Reporting Requirement

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.263.

### Application Submission and Deadline

Applications should be clearly identified as an application for an Occupational Safety and Health Long-Term Training Project Grant or ERC Training Grant. The submission schedule is as follows:

*New, Competing Continuation and Supplemental Application Receipt Date:* July 1, 1998.

An original and two copies of new, competing continuation and supplemental applications (Form CDC 2.145A ERC or TPG) should be submitted to: Ron Van Duyne (ATTN: Patrick A. Smith), Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13 Atlanta, GA 30305.

1. *Deadline:* Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

a. Received on or before the deadline date, or

b. Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. *Late Applications:* Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.a. or 1.b. above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered in the current competition and will be returned to the applicant.

*Non-Competing Continuation Receipt Date:* November 16, 1998.

An original and two copies of non-competing continuation applications (Form CDC 2.145B ERC or TPG) should be submitted to: Ron Van Duyne (ATTN: Patrick A. Smith), Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13 Atlanta, GA 30305.

### Where to Obtain Additional Information

To receive an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4. You will be asked your name, address, and telephone number

and will need to refer to NIOSH Announcement 98045. In addition, this and other CDC announcements are available through the CDC Home page on the Internet. The address for the CDC Home Page is <http://www.cdc.gov>. If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from Patrick A. Smith, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6803, or by Internet, [phs3@cdc.gov](mailto:phs3@cdc.gov). Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from John T. Talty, Principal Engineer, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop C-7, Cincinnati, OH 45226, telephone (513) 533-8241, or by Internet, [jtt2@cdc.gov](mailto:jtt2@cdc.gov).

Please refer to Announcement Number 98045 when requesting information and submitting an application.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report, Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

**Diane D. Porter,**

*Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Title:* ACF Annual Grantee Survey of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

*OMB No.:* 0970-0076.

*Description:* ACF is required by law to provide Congress with fiscal and caseload estimates of the Grantee LIHEAP Programs. The Secretary is also required to submit a report to Congress each fiscal year for the prior fiscal year.