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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99150]

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Intervention Effectiveness; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program for support to accomplish research in the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Priority area of intervention effectiveness. This program addresses the ''Healthy People 2000'' priority area(s) of Occupational Safety and Health. The purpose of the program is to provide support to eligible applicants to develop intervention strategies, and/or assess the effectiveness of intervention techniques in reducing or preventing workplace injuries and illnesses.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations, and small minority businesses.

Note: Public Law 104–65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately $350,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund five to seven awards. It is expected that the average award will be $60,000 and will range from $30,000 to $50,000. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Program Interests

Research applications are sought that focus on the systematic evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions. Of interest are fully-developed interventions which are ready for implementation as well as evaluations of the effectiveness of interventions which have already been implemented. Applications for comparative analyses of the effectiveness of alternate options (e.g., cost-effectiveness) are also solicited. The interventions to be evaluated could be defined at any level of complexity, and range from a regulatory or voluntary occupational safety or health standard to the change of a single, specific work process, control technology, training program, or informational campaign. Encouraged are interdisciplinary projects which include, as appropriate, the fullest complement possible of outcome measures. These measures could include health and safety outcomes (e.g., reductions in injury, disability, stress, or hazard exposure); economic outcomes (e.g, the effect of the intervention on productivity, employee turnover, income, medical, and or societal costs); and/or social outcomes (e.g., social roles and relationships at work and in the family and other aspects of the work-family interface.) These examples of potential health, economic, and social outcome measures are provided only to illustrate the range of outcomes of interest, not to represent an exclusive listing.

Encouraged are applications to evaluate interventions in any industry sector; however, special consideration will be given to applications to evaluate interventions in agriculture, construction, services (especially health care), and mining.

E. Cooperative Activities

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for activities under A. (Recipient Activities), and CDC/NIOSH will be responsible for the activities listed under B. (CDC/NIOSH Activities).

A. Recipient Activities

1. Develop and implement a study protocol.

2. Analyze data and interpret findings.

3. Disseminate study results to the occupational safety and health community.

4. Publish study findings.

B. CDC/NIOSH Activities

1. Provide scientific and technical collaboration in the development of the study design, protocol, and data analysis.

2. Assist (if appropriate) in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project. The CDC IRB will review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is completed.

3. Assist awardees on data analysis, and interpretation of findings.

F. Application Content

Use the information in the Cooperative Activities, Other Requirements and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 25 double-spaced pages. The original and each copy of the application must be submitted unstapled and unbound. All materials must be typewritten, double-spaced, with unreduced type (font size 12 point) on 8½″ by 11″ paper, with at least 1″ margins, headers, and footers, and printed on one side only. Do not include any spiral or bound materials or pamphlets. Appendices should have indexes and include: (1) support letters; (2) information on key personnel; and (3) other supporting documentation.

Applications should follow the PHS 398 (Rev. 5/95) application and Errata sheet, and should include the following information:

1. The project's focus that justifies the research needs and describes the scientific basis for the research, the expected outcome, and the relevance of the findings to reduce or prevent workplace injuries and illnesses.

2. Specific, measurable, and time-framed objectives.

3. A detailed plan describing the methods by which the objectives will be achieved and evaluated, including their sequence.

4. A description of the principal investigator's role and responsibilities.

5. A description of all the project staff regardless of their funding source. It should include their title, qualifications, experience, percentage of time each will

devote to the project, as well as that portion of their salary to be paid by the cooperative agreement.

6. A description of those activities related to, but not supported by, the cooperative agreement.

7. A description of the involvement of other entities that will relate to the proposed project, if applicable. It should include commitments of support and a clear statement of their roles.

8. An explanation of how the research findings will contribute to the national effort to reduce or prevent workplace injuries and illnesses.

G. Submission and Deadline

Letter of Intent (LOI)

The letter of intent must be submitted on or before June 11, 1999, to: Sheryl L. Heard, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office Announcement 99150, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Application

Submit the original and five copies of PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925–0001 and adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction sheet for PHS 398). Forms are in the application kit.

On or before July 12, 1999, submit the application to: Sheryl Heard, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office Announcement 99150, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

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 processing. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (a) or (b) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Applications which are complete and responsive will be reviewed and evaluated by an Independent Special Emphasis Panel in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Study Design (40 points)

The extent to which specific research questions and/or hypotheses are described. The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed description of overall design and methods selected for the study. The technical significance and originality of the proposed study. The extent to which appropriateness and adequacy of the study design and methodology proposed to carry out the project. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the study population and/or setting can be generalized to other work settings doing similar work.

2. Study Population and Methods (15 points)

(A) The extent to which the proposed study will meet study objectives. The extent to which the applicant describes the study population, including information on the ages and work experiences of the study population. The extent to which the study population and/or setting in which the study or analyses are undertaken are adequate for achieving the desired objectives. The extent to which the applicants demonstrate the ability to address modifying factors that may vary across work sites, such as characteristics of equipment, training and supervision, and job experience of workers.

(B) The extent to which the applicant has met the CDC policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

(1) the proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation; including anticipated levels of representation of these groups in the sampling plan; (2) the proposed justification when representation is limited or absent; (3) a statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; and (4) a statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

3. Goals and Objectives (15 points)

The extent to which the applicant has included goals and objectives that are specific, measurable, time-phased, feasible to be accomplished during the project period, and which address all activities necessary to accomplish the purpose of the application. The extent to which the applicant clearly states the evaluation method for evaluating the accomplishments. The extent to which a qualified plan is proposed that will help achieve the goals stated in the application.

4. Staffing, Facilities and Resources (15 points)

The extent to which job descriptions, proposed staffing, staff qualifications and experience, and curricula vitae for both the proposed and current staff indicate the applicant's ability to carry out the objectives of the program. The extent to which adequacy of the applicant's facilities, equipment, and other resources are available for performance of the project.

5. Collaboration (15 points)

The extent to which concurrence with the applicant's plans by all other involved parties is specific and documented (e.g. support for proposed activities as well as commitment to participate; letters of support and/or memorandum of understanding). The extent to which the partners are clearly described and their qualifications for their component of the proposed work are explicitly stated. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates access to work sites or datasets that are critical to study completion.

6. Budget Justification (Not Scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with limited use of funds.

7. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

If human subjects will be involved, the extent to which the applicant describes how they will be protected, i.e., describe the review process which will govern human subjects.

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of

1. annual progress reports;

2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and

3. final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the ''Where to Obtain Additional Information'' section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I (included in the application package).

AR–1 Human Subjects Requirements

AR–2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR–9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR–10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR–11 Healthy People 2000

AR–12 Lobbying Restrictions

J. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 20(a) and 22(c)(7) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, [29 U.S.C. 669(a) and 671(e)(7)]. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

K. Where To Obtain Additional Information

The application kit for program announcement 99150 can be downloaded from the CDC home page on the Internet: http://www.cdc.gov. (Click on Funding)

Please refer to Program Announcement 99150 when you request information. To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1–888–GRANTS4 (1–888 472–6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Sheryl Heard, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office Announcement 99150, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341, telephone (770) 488–2723, Email address SLH3@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Susan Board, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OECSP, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop D40, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639–2376, Email: SBB1@cdc.gov

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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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research: Conference Call Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following conference call meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research (ACERER).

Time and Date: 2 p.m.–3 p.m., EDT, May 27, 1999.

Place: The conference call will originate at the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC, in Atlanta, Georgia. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details on accessing the conference call.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the availability of telephone ports.

Purposes: This committee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary, Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, on establishment of a research agenda and the conduct of a research program pertaining to energy-related analytic epidemiologic studies.

Matters To Be Discussed: The conference call agenda is to reach consensus on whether or not the ACERER should take on the evaluation of the National Cancer Institute's Chernobyl study.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This conference call is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Eastern Time. To participate in the conference call, please dial 1–877–322–9654 and enter conference code 457922. You will then be automatically connected to the call. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the meeting due to the urgency of responding to a request made to the ACERER by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science Policy, HHS.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Michael J. Sage, Executive Secretary, ACERER, and Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F–28), Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone 770/488–7040, fax 770/488–7044.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the CDC and ATSDR.

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Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

NAME: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

TIMES AND DATES:
8:45 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 16, 1999.
8 a.m.–3 p.m., June 17, 1999.

PLACE: Atlanta Marriott North Central, 2000 Century Boulevard, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30345–3377.

STATUS: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose

The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. § 1396s, the Committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding the appropriate periodicity, dosage, and contraindications applicable to the vaccines.

Matters To Be Discussed

The agenda will include updates from the Food and Drug Administration; update from the National Center for Infectious Diseases; the National Immunization Program; the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; the National Vaccine Program; the adult immunization working group; the general recommendations working group; issues related to transition to an