

by Shaw's in any of the cities or town listed above that is no longer operated as a supermarket, except (1) prior to a sale, sublease, assignment, or change in occupancy or (2) to relocate such fixtures or equipment in the ordinary course of business to any other supermarket owned or operated by the Proposed Respondents.

The Proposed Respondents are required to file compliance reports with the Commission, the first of which is due within thirty days of the date on which Proposed Respondents signed the proposed consent, and every thirty days thereafter until the divestitures are completed, and annually for ten years.

The proposed consent order also has a provision relating to the settlement agreement negotiated by the State of Massachusetts. If the State of Massachusetts fails to approve any divestiture that has not been completed, even though the parties are in compliance with the other provisions of the proposed consent agreement, the time period in which the divestiture must be completed will be extended 60 days during which the parties must exercise utmost good faith and best efforts to resolve the concerns of that particular state.

#### V. Opportunity for Public Comment

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for 60 days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After 60 days, the Commission will again review the proposed consent order and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make the proposed consent order final.

By accepting the proposed consent order subject to final approval, the Commission anticipates that the competitive problems alleged in the complaint will be resolved. The purpose of this analysis is to invite public comment on the proposed consent order, including the proposed sale of supermarkets to Victory and Foodmaster, in order to aid the Commission in its determination of whether to make the proposed consent order final. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed consent order nor is it intended to modify the terms of the proposed consent order in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

**Benjamin I. Berman,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Cooperative Agreement With the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation's (ASPE) Office of Human Services Policy announces that it will award an unsolicited cooperative agreement to the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) in support of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support research to understand the impacts of welfare reform and welfare to work programs on low-income individuals, families, and the communities in which they live, with an emphasis on urban areas.

ASPE will have substantial involvement in all stages of the project, including: identifying potential questions that could be answered using the data; prioritizing among them based on the available resources; determining appropriate methods of data analysis; reviewing draft papers and reports; and assisting in their dissemination.

The goal of ASPE in entering into this cooperative agreement is to improve our understanding of the impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 in urban areas.

#### Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310), Section 5001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277).

#### Background

Assistance will be provided to MDRC. No other applications are solicited. ASPE is committed to supporting high-quality research in the area of welfare policy, and has a particular interest in understanding the effects of welfare reform in urban areas. Most welfare reform studies to date have not been in large cities, and thus have not addressed the challenges posed by high levels of unemployment and by concentrated poverty. These questions are critical because caseloads have not declined as

much in cities as in other parts of the country, and also because the lessons from urban areas may be applicable elsewhere in the case of an economic downturn.

ASPE believes that MDRC is uniquely qualified to work with ASPE to meet this goal for the following reasons:

1. The Project on Devolution and Urban Change presents a unique opportunity to learn about the implementation and impacts of welfare reform in four large urban areas—Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Miami. MDRC has an ongoing working relationship with key officials in each city and has already obtained commitments from the state and local governments in these areas to provide extensive longitudinal administrative data for research purposes.

2. This project brings together data from an unusually wide array of sources: longitudinal administrative data for all families receiving AFDC/TANF or Food Stamps dating back to 1992; survey data; an implementation study; neighborhood indicators; an institutional study focusing on local service providers; and an ethnographic study of a limited number of families. This will allow the researchers to capture effects that might be missed in one approach, and to improve our understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. It is unlikely that this breadth of sources could be replicated. MDRC has assembled a multi-disciplinary team of distinguished researchers to collect and analyze this data.

3. This project leverages a substantial commitment of private sector funding. Of the total \$20 million cost of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change, approximately \$14 million has already been committed by private funders, with an additional \$3 million informally promised. This funding allows for a breadth of research far beyond what could be purchased with the federal support alone.

4. MDRC is one of the pre-eminent institutions in the area of welfare and welfare-to-work research, having conducted projects in over 400 communities in 40 states. MDRC has developed a reputation for objective, high-quality work. This project will involve several of MDRC's senior researchers, as well as consultants who are recognized as leaders in their areas of concentration.

Approximately \$800,000 is available in FY 1999 for a one-year project period of this cooperative agreement. A portion of this support is provided by the Administration for Children and Families, HHS, and the Economic

Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

#### Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Office of Human Services Policy, ASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 404E, Washington, DC, 20201 or telephone: 202 690-6808.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

**Margaret A. Hamburg,**  
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

##### Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to review contract proposals and to provide recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, regarding the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Computer Decision Support Tools for Evidence Based Medicine", issued on April 28, 1999. The contract will constitute part of AHCPR's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research program.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals are likely to reveal proprietary and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

*Name of TRC:* Agency for Health Care Policy and Research SBIR Topic 3000—"Computer Decision Support Tools for Evidence Based Medicine".

*Date:* July 27, 1999 (Closed to the public).

*Place:* Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Conference Center, Conference Room B, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Contact Person:* Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Kate Rickard, Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 6010 Executive Boulevard, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852, 301-594-2431.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

**John M. Eisenberg,**  
Administrator.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

##### Contract Review Meeting

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The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals are likely to reveal proprietary and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

*Name of TRC:* The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research—"Development and Implementation of

the National Measures Clearinghouse (NMC)".

*Date:* July 27, 1999 (Closed to the public).

*Place:* Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Conference Room 2, 2101 East Jefferson Street, 6th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852

*Contact Person:* Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Marge Keyes, Center for Quality Measurement and Improvement, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 Executive Boulevard, Suite 502, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-1824.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

**John M. Eisenberg,**  
Administrator.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry

##### Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service (PHS) Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites; Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

*Name:* Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES).

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., July 22, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., July 23, 1999.

*Place:* DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City Center, North 322 Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington 99201, telephone 509/455-6285.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

*Background:* Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities