

fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

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 22, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.*, Dublin, Ireland, and First Maryland Bancorp, Baltimore, Maryland; to acquire Zirkin-Cutler Investments, Inc., Washington, D.C., and thereby engage in serving as investment adviser to investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including sponsoring, organizing, and managing closed-end investment companies; providing portfolio investment advice to any other person; and, furnishing general economic information and advice, general economic statistical forecasting services and industry studies, pursuant to §§ 225.25(b)(4)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Barnett Banks, Inc.*, Jacksonville, Florida; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Barnett Community Development Corporation, Jacksonville, Florida, in community development activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Outsource Capital Group, Inc.*, Lubbock, Texas, and Outsource Delaware Capital Group, Inc., Dover, Delaware (both in formation); to acquire Rall Mortgage Corporation, Lubbock, Texas, and thereby engage in mortgage lending, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 2, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, 1996.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: May 3, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[Announcement 608]

### Human Health Studies; Applied Research and Development

#### Introduction

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for a grant program designed to answer public health questions arising from situations commonly encountered at hazardous waste sites. The objective of this program is to fill gaps in knowledge, including data needs and health conditions, by conducting applied research and development studies related to human exposure to hazardous substances and to the ATSDR's health assessments, consultations, and health studies on hazardous substances prioritized by ATSDR. These Priority Health Conditions are identified under the Purpose section of this notice. Priority data needs are identified by ATSDR in its toxicological profiles.

ATSDR 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 Environmental Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the Section Where to Obtain Additional Information.)

#### Authority

This program is authorized in sections 104(i)(1)(E), (6), (7), (9), and (15) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(1)(E), (6), (7), (9), and (15)].

#### Smoke-Free Workplace

ATSDR strongly encourages all grant and cooperative agreement recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 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.

#### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are the official public health agencies of States or their bona fide agents or instrumentalities. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. State organizations, including State universities, State colleges, and State research institutions, must establish that they meet their respective State's legislature definition of a State entity or political subdivision to be considered an eligible applicant.

#### Availability of Funds

The Government's obligation under this grant project is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for grant purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the government for any obligation may arise until funds are made available to the grantee through the formal award of a grant/cooperative agreement.

It is expected that \$500,000 will be available in FY 1996 to fund approximately 2 awards. Awards are funded for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of

satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit scientific proposals designed to answer public health questions arising from situations commonly encountered at hazardous waste sites. The objective of this research program is to fill gaps in knowledge regarding human health effects of hazardous substances identified during the conduct of ATSDR's health assessments, consultations, toxicological profiles, and health studies, including but not limited to those health conditions prioritized by ATSDR. The ATSDR Priority Health Conditions are (in alphabetical order):

1. birth defects and reproductive disorders,
2. cancers (selected anatomic sites),
3. immune function disorders,
4. kidney dysfunction,
5. liver dysfunction,
6. lung and respiratory diseases and
7. neurotoxic disorders.

Substance-specific research needs are identified in ATSDR toxicological profiles.

#### Program Requirements

Grants funded under this program will focus on one or more of the following:

1. Human Populations,
2. Use of innovative methodologies to fill data gaps identified through ATSDR's public health assessments and consultations at hazardous waste sites,
3. Ecologic studies using data from multiple sites to assess the health status of several communities, or
4. Analytical studies, including meta-analysis of existing sets of human data. Research activities may include, but not be limited to the following:
  1. Epidemiological studies,
  2. Health outcomes studies,
  3. Further analysis of existing human data sets,
  4. Identification, validation, and development of biomarkers of exposure, susceptibility, and effect,
  5. Further evaluating the link or lack of linkage between specific chemicals and specific health effects,
  6. Developing innovative methodologies to fill data gaps on the health effects associated with exposure to chemicals frequently found at hazardous waste sites,
  7. Relationship of environmental fate and transport of chemicals to human health effects,
  8. Developing innovative health education methodologies to prevent exposure and/or adverse human health effects,

9. Psychological effects associated with exposure to hazardous substances,
10. Health effects associated with incineration, and
11. Improving human risk assessment.

This program is designed for grant applications only. In a grant, the recipient is required to conduct the proposed study without substantial programmatic involvement from the funding agency.

#### Evaluation Criteria

The review for scientific and technical merit by an objective review group will be based on the following criteria:

##### *A. Scientific and Technical Review Criteria of New Applications*

##### 1. Appropriateness and Knowledge of Study Design—25%

The extent to which the applicant's proposal addresses the:

- a. Scientific merit of the proposed project, including the novelty, originality and feasibility of the approach and the adequacy of the design,
- b. Technical merit of the proposed project, including the degree to which the project can be expected to yield or demonstrate results that will be useful and desirable in furthering the program objective as described in the Purpose section of this announcement, and
- c. Proposed project schedule, including clearly established and obtainable project objectives for which progress toward attainment can and will be measured.

##### 2. Proposed Study—25%

The adequacy of the proposal relevant to the:

- a. Study purpose, objectives, and rationale,
- b. Quality of program objectives in terms of specificity, measurability, and feasibility,
- c. Specificity and feasibility of the applicant's timetable for implementing program activities and timely completion of the study, and
- d. Likelihood of the applicant agency completing proposed program activities and attaining proposed objectives based on the thoroughness and clarity of the overall program.

In addition, the degree to which the applicant has met the CDC/ATSDR policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

- a. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

b. The appropriateness of the proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

c. Whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

d. 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. Relationship to Initiative—15%

The extent to which the application addresses the areas of investigation outlined by ATSDR.

##### 4. Quality of Data Collection—15%

The extent to which the:

- a. Study ascertains the information necessary to meet the objectives, including (but not limited to) information on pathways of exposure, confounding factors, and biomedical testing,
- b. Quality control and quality assurance of questionnaire data are provided, including (but not limited to) interviewer training and consistency checks of data,
- c. Laboratory tests (if applicable) are sensitive and specific for the analyte or disease outcome of interest, and
- d. Quality control, quality assurance, precision and accuracy of information for the proposed tests are provided and acceptable.

##### 5. Applicant Capability and Coordination Efforts—10%

The extent to which the proposal has described the:

- a. Capability of the applicant's administrative structure to foster successful scientific and administrative management of a study,
- b. Capability of the applicant to demonstrate an appropriate plan for interaction with the community, and
- c. Suitability of facilities and equipment available or to be purchased for the project.

##### 6. Program Personnel—10%

The extent to which the proposed program staff is qualified and appropriate, and the time allocated for them to accomplish program activities is adequate.

##### 7. Program Budget—(Not Scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with intended use of cooperative agreement/grant funds.

##### *B. Review of Continuation Applications*

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Satisfactory progress has been made in meeting project objectives.

2. Objectives for the new budget period are realistic, specific, and measurable.

3. Proposed changes in described long-term objectives, methods of operation, need for grant support, and/or evaluation procedures will lead to achievement of project objectives.

4. The budget request is clearly justified and consistent with the intended use of grant/cooperative agreement funds.

#### Funding Priorities

Priority will be given for studies which address one or more of the following areas of investigation:

A. Evaluate the occurrence of adverse health effects in a population. This will include the evaluation of the incidence or prevalence of a disease, disease symptoms, self-reported health concerns, or biological markers of disease, susceptibility, or exposure.

B. Identify risk factors for adverse health effects in populations. This will include hypothesis generating cohort or case-control studies on potentially impacted populations to identify linkages between exposure and adverse health effects and those risk factors which may be impacted by prevention actions.

C. Develop methods to diagnose adverse health effects in populations. This includes medical research to evaluate currently available biological tests (biomarkers) and disease occurrence in potentially impacted populations.

D. Develop health education methods applicable to the hazardous substances and their exposure pathways most commonly found at hazardous waste sites. These may include demonstration projects to investigate the effectiveness of these methods.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed funding priority. All comments received on or before June 7, 1996, will be considered before the final funding priority is established. If the funding priority should change as a result of any comments received, a revised announcement will be published in the Federal Register prior to the final selection of awards.

Written comments should be addressed to Ron S. Van Duyne, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305.

#### Executive Order 12372

Applications are subject to the Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs as governed by Executive Order (E.O.) 12372. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of proposed Federal assistance applications. Applicants (other than federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC for each affected State. A current list of SPOCs is included in the application kit. If SPOCs have any State process recommendations on applications submitted to CDC, they should forward them to Ron S. Van Duyne, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, no later than 60 days after the application deadline date. (By formal agreement, the CDC Procurement and Grants Office will act on behalf of and for ATSDR on this matter.)

Indian tribes are strongly encouraged to request tribal government review of the proposed application.

If tribal governments have any tribal process recommendations on applications submitted to CDC, they should forward them to Ron S. Van Duyne, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E13, Atlanta, GA 30305. This should be done no later than 60 days after the application deadline date. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" for tribal process recommendations it receives after that date.

#### Public Health System Reporting Requirements

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 93.161, Health Programs for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

#### Other Requirements

##### A. Protection of Human Subjects

This program requires research on human subjects, therefore, all applicants must comply with 45 CFR Part 46 regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurances must be provided that the project or activity will be subject to initial and continuing review by an appropriate institutional review committee. The applicant will be responsible for providing evidence of this assurance in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and forms provided in the application kit.

##### B. Women, Racial, and Ethnic Minorities

It is the policy of CDC and ATSDR to ensure that individuals of both sexes and the various racial and ethnic groups will be included in CDC/ATSDR-supported research projects involving human subjects, whenever feasible and appropriate. Racial and ethnic groups are those defined in OMB Directive No. 15 and include American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, Black and Hispanic. Applicants shall ensure that women, racial and ethnic minority populations are appropriately represented in applications for research involving human subjects. Where clear and compelling rationale exist that inclusion is inappropriate or not feasible, this situation must be explained as part of the application. In conducting review for scientific merit, review groups will evaluate proposed plans for inclusion of minorities and both sexes as part of the scientific assessment and scoring.

This policy does not apply to research studies when the investigator cannot control the race, ethnicity and/or sex of subject. Further guidance to this policy is contained in the Federal Register, Vol. 60, No. 179, pages 47947-47951, Friday, September 15, 1995.

A copy of the CDC/ATSDR policy is included in the application kit.

##### C. Disclosure

Recipient is required to provide proof by way of citation to State code or regulation or other State pronouncement given the authority of law, that medical information obtained pursuant to the agreement, pertaining to an individual, and therefore considered confidential, will be protected from disclosure when the consent of the individual to release identifying information is not obtained.

##### D. Cost Recovery

CERCLA, as amended by SARA, provides for the recovery of costs incurred for health assessments and

health effects studies at each Superfund site from potentially responsible parties. The recipient would agree to maintain an accounting system that will keep an accurate, complete, and current accounting of all financial transactions on a site-specific basis, i.e., individual time, travel, and associated cost including indirect cost, as appropriate for the site. The recipient will retain the documents and records to support these financial transactions, for possible use in a cost recovery case, for a minimum of 10 years after submission of a final Financial Status Report (FSR), unless there is a litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the specific site, then the records will be maintained until resolution of all issues on the specific site.

#### *E. Third Party Agreements*

Project activities which are approved for contracting pursuant to the prior approval provisions shall be formalized in a written agreement that clearly establishes the relationship between the grantee and the third party.

The written agreement shall at a minimum:

1. State or incorporate by reference all applicable requirements imposed on the contractors under the grant by the terms of the grant, including requirements concerning peer review and technical review, release of data, ownership of data, and the arrangement for copyright when publications, data or other copyrightable works are developed in the course of work under an ATSDR grant supported project or activity.

2. State that any copyrighted or copyrightable works shall be subject to a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to the Government to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use them, and to authorize others to do so for Federal Government purposes.

3. State that whenever any work subject to this copyright policy may be developed by a contractor under a grant, the written agreement (contract) must require the contractor to comply with these requirements and can in no way diminish the Government's right in that work.

4. State the activities to be performed, the time schedule for those activities, the policies and procedures for carrying out the agreement, and the maximum amount of money for which the grantee may become liable to the third party.

The written agreement required shall not relieve the grantee of any part of its responsibility or accountability to ATSDR under the grant. The agreement shall, therefore, retain sufficient rights and control to the grantee to enable it to fulfill this responsibility and accountability.

#### **Application and Submission Deadline**

##### *A. Preapplication Letter of Intent*

Although not a prerequisite of application, a non-binding letter of intent-to-apply is requested from potential applicants. The letter should be submitted to the Grants Management Branch, CDC (see address below) and should be postmarked no later than June 8, 1996. The letter should include the following:

1. Announcement Number,
2. Title of the proposed area or areas of research,
3. Name of the principal investigator/s and
4. Identification of any other participating institutions.

The letter of intent does not influence review or funding decisions, but it will enable ATSDR to more efficiently plan the objective review.

The original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Ron S. Van Dyne, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mail Stop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before July 8, 1996 (By formal agreement, the CDC Procurement and Grants Office will act on behalf of and for ATSDR on this matter.)

##### **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 objective review group. (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).

##### **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.

#### **Where To Obtain Additional Information**

To receive additional information call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address and phone number and will need to refer to Announcement 608. You will receive a

complete program description, information on application procedures and application forms. The announcement is also 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 assistance may be obtained from Maggie Slay, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6797, or INTERNET address, [mcs9@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov](mailto:mcs9@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov).

Programmatic assistance may be obtained from Dr. Jeffrey A. Lybarger, Director, Division of Health Studies, telephone, (404) 639-6200, or INTERNET address, [jal2@atsdhs2.em.cdc.gov](mailto:jal2@atsdhs2.em.cdc.gov), or Dr. John Andrews, Associate Administrator for Science, telephone (404) 639-0708, or INTERNET address, [jsa1@atsoaa1.em.cdc.gov](mailto:jsa1@atsoaa1.em.cdc.gov), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-31, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Please refer to announcement number 608 when requesting information and submitting an application.

There may be delays in mail delivery as well as difficulty in reaching the CDC Atlanta offices during the 1996 Summer Olympics (July 19 - August 4). Therefore, in order to receive more timely response to questions please use INTERNET/E-Mail, follow all instructions in this announcement, and leave messages on the contact person's voice mail.

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) referenced in the Introduction through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone, (202) 512-1800.

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Claire V. Broome,

*Deputy Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.*

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