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1. *The K&Z Company LLC*, Brooklyn, New York; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 51 percent, but no more than 75 percent, of the voting shares of The Upstate National Bank, Rochester, New York (formerly known as The First National Bank of Lisbon, Rochester, New York).

Comments on this application must be received by May 21, 1998.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 12, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0118]

Clearance Request Entitled Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness

AGENCY: Federal Vehicle Policy Division, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (3090-0118).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness.

DATES: Comment Due Date: July 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and to Majorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Moses, Federal Vehicle Policy Division (202) 501-2507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0118, concerning Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness. This form is used by all

Federal agencies to report accident information involving U.S. Government vehicles.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 816; annual responses: 1; average hours per response: .20; burden hours: 272.

Copy of Proposal: A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Ida M. Ustad,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98066]

A Model Hearing Conservation Program for Coal Miners; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for a cooperative agreement program for A Model Hearing Conservation Program for Coal Miners. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Occupational Safety and Health.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the effectiveness of a model hearing conservation program (HCP) in the prevention of occupational noise-induced hearing loss among coal miners.

When the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, the predecessor to the present Federal Mine Health and Safety Act, was enacted, it was already recognized that the high noise levels generated by mining machines posed a serious threat to the health of miners. In 1976, NIOSH published the results of a cross-sectional survey of hearing levels which confirmed the severity of hearing loss among coal miners. The study found that over 70 percent of coal miners had a hearing impairment by the time they retired. In recognition of the extensive hearing loss among miners, regulations were adopted to limit the overexposure of miners to harmful noise, and a program of research to

develop engineering controls to reduce the noise levels of mining equipment was initiated. A recent analysis of a large audiometric data base on coal miners has revealed that the majority of coal miners are still losing their hearing. Over 90 percent of the miners who retired around 1990 had experienced a high frequency hearing loss. This finding can only be explained by the failure of the mining community to pursue a systematic plan of intervention over the last 20 years; such a plan would also have included a mechanism to continuously evaluate the impact of the intervention activities.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration is addressing this situation through new rulemaking. The proposed regulations would require that operators use engineering and administrative controls and provide audiometric tests when a miner's noise exposure exceeds the Permissible Exposure Limit. Although these new regulations can have a positive impact, the elimination of hearing loss as a disease among coal miners can only be realized through the collaborative efforts of labor, management, and government in adopting and supporting comprehensive HCP's.

This program is focused on designing a model HCP for coal miners which incorporates the best practices of well-run programs in other industries, implementing the program at a cooperating underground coal mine, and evaluating it over a 5-year period to demonstrate its efficacy in preventing hearing loss. An effective HCP should include the following critical elements: measurement of worker noise exposure and noise sources, intervention strategies to reduce noise exposures, periodic audiometric evaluations, educational and motivational programs, record keeping, and monitoring to assess effectiveness of program elements. Project results, in combination with other research, will support the implementation of HCP's by providing workshops and recommendations to the mining industry and preparing publications and recommendations to the scientific community.

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, and federally recognized Indian tribal

governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

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 \$275,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1998, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five 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 Requirements

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

A. Recipient Activities

1. Prepare study protocol and obtain required approvals. The protocol should include the methodology to be used in developing and evaluating the HCP, technical activities to implement the HCP, data to be collected, and proposed analyses of the data. Present the protocol to a panel of scientific reviewers (if required) and revise the protocol as required for final approval.

2. Implement and manage the HCP with the cooperation of the mine operator and employees.

3. Schedule and conduct worker noise exposure measurements, audiometric testing, and engineering noise control work.

4. Evaluate the effectiveness of the overall HCP, as well as, individual elements of the program, in reducing worker noise exposure levels and preventing hearing loss.

5. Prepare a report summarizing the study methodology, the results of all analyses, and conclusions reached. Report study results in the scientific community via presentations at professional conferences and articles in peer-reviewed journals.

6. Conduct one industry-wide workshop to share the results of this study with the mining industry and to promote the adoption of HCP's by other mines.

B. CDC/NIOSH Activities

1. Provide scientific and technical collaboration for the successful completion of the project.

2. Assist, if necessary, in the measurement, analysis, and evaluation of both worker noise exposures and hearing levels (audiometric data).

3. Assist, if necessary, in the identification of intervention strategies to reduce worker noise exposure levels.

4. Review the results of the study and collaborate, where appropriate, in the preparation and publication of results in peer-reviewed journals.

E. Application Content

Competing Applications

Use the information in the Program Requirements, 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, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unrounded font.

F. Submission and Deadline

Letter of Intent

Your letter of intent (LOI) should include the following information. The LOI must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998, to: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98066, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/S E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

Application

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are in the application kit. On or before July 1, 1998, submit the application to: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98066, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/S E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

If your application does not arrive in time for submission to the independent review group, it will not be considered in the current competition unless you can provide proof that you mailed it on or before the deadline (i.e., receipt from U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier; private metered postmarks are not acceptable).

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

1. Plan (35%)

The applicant's overall research plan should reflect a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the cooperative agreement, including the resources and time required for accomplishing the project. The plan should include a commitment from the participating mine, as evidenced by a written agreement, for the mine operator to work collaboratively with labor and government in support of achieving the objectives of the cooperative agreement.

2. Objectives (25%)

a. The applicant should demonstrate a clear and complete understanding of the objectives of the cooperative agreement. This should reflect the applicant's understanding of the problem to be addressed and the purpose of the project. The objectives should be timed and measurable.

b. The degree 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.

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.

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. Methods (25%)

The study design and methodology for accomplishing the stated objectives should be thorough and sound. The applicant's proposed methodology should demonstrate an understanding of the pertinent literature on hearing conservation programs, including the need for an on-going process to evaluate the impact of the intervention activities to reduce worker noise exposure levels and prevent any significant hearing loss.

4. Evaluation (15%)

The applicant's proposed plans to ensure project activities are carried out on schedule and to evaluate project accomplishments should be identified.

5. Budget (Not Scored)

The budget will be evaluated to the extent that it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of funds.

6. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

Does the application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR Part 46 for the protection of human subjects?

___ YES ___ NO

Comments: _____

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements
Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. progress reports (annual);
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/ S E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209.

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

AR98-1—Human Subjects

Requirements

AR98-2—Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR98-7—Executive Order 12372 Review

AR98-9—Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10—Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR98-11—Healthy People 2000

AR98-12—Lobbying Restrictions

AR98-14—Accounting System Requirements

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, Sections 301(a) and 311, [42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 243], as amended, and Section 21, [29 U.S.C. 670] of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.262 for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in CDC.

J. Where To Obtain Additional 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: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement [98066], Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., M/S E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6804, Email address vxw1@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact J. Alton Burks, Sc.D., Hearing Loss Prevention Branch, Pittsburgh Research Laboratory, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), P.O. Box 18070, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, Telephone (412) 892-6484, Internet: aib5@cdc.gov.

Also, the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov> is available

for copies of this Announcement and funding documents.

Dated: May 8, 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****Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request****Proposed Projects**

Title: Child Care and Development Fund Annual Report on (ACF-700).

OMB No.: 0980-0241.

Description: The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Report request annual tribal aggregate information on services provided through the CCDF which is required per Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Final Rule 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99. Tribes are required to submit annual aggregate data appropriate to tribal programs on children and families receiving CCDF-funds or CCDBG funded Child care services. The Statute and regulations require Tribal Lead Agencies to report a supplemental narrative which describes general child care activities and actions in the Tribal Lead Agency's service area and is not restricted to the CCDF-funded activities's other information in addition to the data collected by Form ACF-700. This information will be included in the Secretary's report to Congress, as appropriate, and will be shared with all Tribal Lead Agencies to inform them of CCDF or CCDBG-funded activities in other tribal programs.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
CCDF Annual Report	244	1	40	9,760

Estimated total annual burden hours: 9,760.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and

comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c)