

AR98-11 Healthy People 2000
AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, Sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) [42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k) (2)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.943.

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 to identify the Announcement number, 98035. If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Kevin Moore, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98035, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Room 300, Mail Stop E-15, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, Telephone (404) 842-6550, E-mail kgm1@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC Internet home page at: www.cdc.gov

For program technical assistance, contact: Jeff Efird, Acting Chief, Epidemiology Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention Surveillance & Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, TB Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop E-45, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone (404) 639-6130, E-mail jle1@cdc.gov.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to call before developing and submitting their applications.

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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 98096]

Economic Evaluation of Engineering Control Interventions for Drywall Sanding Construction Activities; 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 to conduct an economic evaluation and variable analyses of engineering control interventions during drywall sanding construction activities. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Occupational Safety and Health.

The purpose of the program is to identify the financial and behavior factors which are affected by implementing drywall sanding engineering controls. These factors may occur throughout the construction-model hierarchy from the individual worker on up to the building owner. A successful project will serve as an example throughout the construction industry that the cost and benefits of providing a clean and safe working environment should be evaluated from the big-picture perspective as opposed to the level of acquisition. Such an example could lead to new implementation strategies to increase the use of engineering controls and ultimately improve the construction work environment.

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.

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 \$95,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will be renewed

on an annual basis for an additional two years at an approximate amount of \$95,000 per year. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 1998, with 12-month budget periods within project periods of up to three years. The funding estimate is subject to 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.

Use of Funds: The applicant should allocate funds for at least one annual CDC/NIOSH directed meeting.

Programmatic Interest: The applicant should address the availability of drywall sanding dust exposure reduction interventions and the economic impact and related variable analyses of some or all of the identified interventions upon the various organizational layers (e.g. worker, subcontractor, general contractor, building owner) within the building construction process.

D. Program Agreement Requirements

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, implement, and evaluate a study protocol.
2. Provide statistical analysis of the data.
3. Disseminate study results to the construction safety and health community.
4. Collaborate with CDC/NIOSH on these activities and the activities listed below.

B. CDC/NIOSH Activities

1. Providing scientific and technical collaboration including study design and protocol development, and data analysis.
2. Monitor and evaluate scientific and operational accomplishments of the project through site visits, telephone calls, and review of technical reports and interim data analysis.
3. Collaborate with awardee(s) on data analysis, and interpretation of findings.
4. Review the results of the study and collaborate, where appropriate, in the preparation and publication of results in peer-reviewed journals and construction industry trade publications.

E. Application Content

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 un-reduced font.

F. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS-398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) (adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction Sheet for PHS 398). Forms are in the application kit. On or before August 10, 1998, submit the application to: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98096, 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. Understanding of the Problem (15 Percent)

Responsiveness to the objective of the cooperative agreement including: (a) applicant's understanding of the general objectives of the proposed cooperative agreement, and (b) evidence of ability to design an effective evaluation study.

2. Experience (15 Percent)

The extent to which the applicant's prior work and experience in evaluating occupational safety and health intervention efforts and/or experience within the construction trades affected by drywall finishing operations.

3. Goals, Objectives and Methods (35 Percent)

The extent to which the proposed goals and objectives are clearly stated, time-phased, and measurable. The extent to which the methods are sufficiently detailed to allow assessment of whether the objectives can be achieved for the budget period. Clearly state 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 proposal.

This includes: (a) The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation; (b) The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent; (c) A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted; (d) 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.

4. Facilities and Resources (10 Percent)

The adequacy of the applicant's facilities, equipment, and other resources available for performance of this project. The proposal should include a commitment from the participating institution, as evidenced by a written agreement. For applicants who have already identified potential construction site(s) to conduct the evaluation, the proposal should include a commitment, as evidenced by a written agreement, from the building owner, general contractor, and relevant subcontractors with jurisdiction over the drywall finishing and budget management operations, when such exist at the applicant's anticipated study location(s).

5. Project Management and Staffing Plan (15 Percent)

The extent to which the management staff and their working partners are clearly described, appropriately assigned, and have pertinent skills and experiences. The extent to which the applicant proposes to involve appropriate personnel who have the needed qualifications to implement the proposed plan. The extent to which the applicant has the capacity to design, implement, and evaluate the proposed intervention program.

6. Collaboration (10 Percent)

The extent to which all partners are clearly described and their qualifications and the extent to which their intentions to participate are explicitly stated. The extent to which the applicant provides proof of support (e.g., letters of support and/or memoranda of understanding) for proposed activities. Evidence or a statement should be provided that these funds do not duplicate already funded components of ongoing projects.

7. Budget Justification (Not Scored)

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

8. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

If human subjects will be involved, how will they be protected, i.e., describe the review process which will govern their participation.

H. Other Requirements

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

1. Semi-annual progress reports including a brief program description and a listing of program goals and objectives accompanied by a comparison of the actual accomplishments related to the goals and objectives established for the period;
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: 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 Addendum I (included in the application package).

AR98-1 Human Subjects Requirements

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

AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

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I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under Sections 20(a) and 22(e)(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 93.262 for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call 1-888-GRANTS4. You

will be asked to leave your name, address, and phone number and will need to refer to NIOSH Announcement 98096. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures, and application forms. CDC will not send application kits by facsimile or express mail. Please refer to NIOSH announcement number 98096 when requesting information and submitting an application.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained by contacting: Victoria Sepe, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98096, 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.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance contact: Kenneth Mead, P.E., telephone (513) 841-4319, Email kcm3@cdc.gov, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Physical Sciences and Engineering, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop R-5, Cincinnati, OH 45226.

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA): CDC, NIOSH is committed to the program priorities developed by NORA. Copies of the publication, "The National Occupational Research Agenda" may be obtained from The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Publications Office, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998 or telephone 1-800-356-4674, and is available through the NIOSH Home Page, "<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.html>".

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

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Program Announcement Number 98042; Cooperative Agreement for Waterborne Disease Occurrence Studies

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds to provide assistance for conducting waterborne disease occurrence studies that will aid in producing a national estimate of waterborne disease.

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 Immunization and Infectious Diseases. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section **WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**)

Authority

This program is authorized under Section(s) 301(a), 317(k)(1), and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 241(a), 247b(k)(1) and 247b(k)(2)], as amended.

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 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

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit entities, including universities; university-affiliated systems including not-for-profit medical centers; research institutions and rehabilitation hospitals; State and local health departments and other related State government agencies; federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations, and small, minority- and/or women-owned non-profit businesses are eligible to apply.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which engages in lobbying activities shall not be

eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, contract, loan, or any other form.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$450,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund approximately three awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$150,000. It is expected that the awards 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 two years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and availability of funds.

Use of Funds

Restrictions on Lobbying

Applicants should be aware of restrictions on the use of Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) funds for lobbying of Federal or State legislative bodies. Under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 1352 (which has been in effect since December 23, 1989), recipients (and their sub-tier 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 (Public Law 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 relationships, 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.