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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Special Emphasis Panel meetings.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and contract proposals.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (SBIR Contract Review, "A New Experimental Chamber for the Long-term Study of Complex Behavior and Neurol Function in Rodents").

Date: February 25, 1998.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-49, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Mr. Eric Zatman, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-1644.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Clinical Neuroscience and Imaging).

Date: March 12, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Mark Swieter, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

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discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development, Research Scientist Development, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

Name of SEP: Virology Quality Assurance Program (Telephone Conference Call).

Date: February 25, 1998.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to Adjournment.

Place: Teleconference, 6003 Executive Blvd., Solar Building, Room 1A02, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-2500.

Contact Person: Dr. Dianne E. Tingley, Scientific Review Adm., 6003 Executive Boulevard, Solar Bldg., Room 4C07, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-2550.

Purpose/Agenda: To evaluate contract proposals.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.855, Immunology, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health)

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Name of SEP: Mutagenic Effects of Airborne Toxicants in Human Lungs-Program Project.

Date: March 16-18, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sage Howard Johnson, 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Contact Person: Mr. David Brown., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research—Committee A.

Date: March 22-25, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, South Campus, Conference Room 101-B, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Dr. Linda K. Bass, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-24, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1307.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research—Committee B.

Date: March 22-25, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, South Campus, Conference Room 101-C, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Dr. Ethel B. Jackson, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-24, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-7826 and Mr. Jorge Rangel, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, S.W., Mailcode 8725R, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-2443.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Pfiesteria: Impact on Human Health and the Environment-Program Project.

Date: March 30–April 1, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor, Pratt and Eutaw Streets, Baltimore, Maryland 77840.

Contact Person: Dr. Linda Bass, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1307.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Grant applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Agents; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing; 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation; 93.894, Resource and Manpower Development, National Institutes of Health)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Refugee Resettlement Program; Proposed Availability of Formula Allocation Funding for FY 1998 Targeted Assistance Grants for Services to Refugees in Local Areas of High Need

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed availability of formula allocation funding for FY 1998 targeted assistance grants to States for services to refugees¹ in local areas of high need.

¹ In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, "Requirements for documentation of refugee status," eligibility for targeted assistance includes Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants, and certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are U.S. citizens. (See section II of this notice on "Authorization.") The term "refugee", used in this notice for convenience, is intended to encompass such additional persons who are eligible to participate in refugee program services, including the targeted assistance program.

Refugees admitted to the U.S. under admissions numbers set aside for private-sector-initiative admissions are not eligible to be served under the targeted assistance program (or under other programs supported by Federal refugee funds) during their period of coverage under their sponsoring agency's agreement with the Department of State—usually two years from their date of

SUMMARY: This notice announces the proposed availability of funds and award procedures for FY 1998 targeted assistance grants for services to refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). These grants are for service provision in localities with large refugee populations, high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance, and where specific needs exist for supplementation of currently available resources.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments, in duplicate, to: Toyo Biddle, Director, Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447.

Application Deadline: The deadline for applications will be established by the final notice; applications should not be sent in response to this notice of proposed allocations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toyo Biddle (202) 401-9250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose and Scope

This notice announces the proposed availability of funds for grants for targeted assistance for services to refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations, high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance, there exists and can be demonstrated a specific need for supplementation of resources for services to this population.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has available \$49,477,000 in FY 1998 funds for the targeted assistance program (TAP) as part of the FY 1998 appropriation for the Department of Health and Human Services (Pub. L. No. 105-78).

The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) proposes to use the \$49,477,000 in targeted assistance funds as follows:

- \$35,371,300 will be allocated to States under the 5-year population formula, as set forth in this notice.
- \$14,105,700 will be used to award discretionary grants to States under separate grant announcements, including TAP 10% grants and as well as other discretionary grants.

In addition, the Office of Refugee Resettlement will have available an additional \$5,000,000 in FY 1998 funds for the targeted assistance discretionary

arrival, or until the obtain permanent resident alien status, whichever comes first.

program through the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. No. 105-118). These funds will augment the 10-percent of the targeted assistance program which is set-aside for grants to localities most heavily impacted by the influx of refugees such as Laotian Hmong, Cambodians and Soviet Pentecostals, including secondary migrants who entered the United States after October 1, 1979.

The purpose of targeted assistance grants is to provide, through a process of local planning and implementation, direct services intended to result in the economic self-sufficiency and reduced welfare dependency of refugees through job placements.

The targeted assistance program reflects the requirements of section 412(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which provides that targeted assistance grants shall be made available "(i) primarily for the purpose of facilitating refugee employment and achievement of self-sufficiency, (ii) in a manner that does not supplant other refugee program funds and that assures that not less than 95 percent of the amount of the grant award is made available to the county or other local entity."

II. Authorization

Targeted assistance projects are funded under the authority of section 412(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended by the Refugee Assistance Extension Act of 1986 (Pub. L. No. 99-605), 8 U.S.C. 1522(c); section 501(a) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-433), 8 U.S.C. 1522 note, insofar as it incorporates by reference with respect to Cuban and Haitian entrants the authorities pertaining to assistance for refugees established by section 412(c)(2) of the INA, as cited above; section 584(c) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. No. 100-202), insofar as it incorporates by reference with respect to certain Amerasians from Vietnam the authorities pertaining to assistance for refugees established by section 412(c)(2) of the INA, as cited above, including certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are U.S. citizens, as provided under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, 1989 (Pub. L. No. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. No. 101-513).