

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****[Announcement 709]****Community Education and Training To Address Environmental Health Research Near Department of Energy Nuclear Weapons Facilities****Introduction**

Announcement 709 supersedes Announcement 656 which was published in the Federal Register on July 10, 1996 [61 FR 36380].

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds in fiscal year (FY) 1997 for a cooperative agreement program to develop community education and training for environmental health research near Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons facilities. 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 Environmental Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "Where To Obtain Additional Information.")

Authority

This program is authorized under section 317 [42 U.S.C. 247b] of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and 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 nonprofit organizations and State governments and their agencies.

Note: Eligible applicants may enter into contractual agreements, as necessary, to meet the requirements of the program and to strengthen the overall application. The intent to use such mechanisms must be stated in the application and the nature and scope of work of these mechanisms require the approval of CDC. Awardee(s) must maintain the primary responsibility for conduct of the cooperative agreement. The awardee, as the direct and

primary recipient of Federal funds, must perform a substantive role in carrying out project activities and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provide funds to an ineligible party. Applicants must justify the need to use a contractor. If contractors are proposed, the following must be provided: (1) Name of the contractor, (2) method of selection, (3) period of performance, (4) detailed budget, (5) justification for use of contractor, and (6) assurance of non-conflict of interest.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$300,000 will be available in FY 1997 (for both direct and indirect costs) to fund approximately one or more awards. The amount of each award will be dependent upon the number of awards made. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about March 5, 1997, for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

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

1. Satisfactory progress in meeting program objectives.
2. Extent to which the continuation year objectives are realistic, specific, and measurable.
3. Extent to which proposed changes in program objectives, methods of operation, staff or contractor(s), or evaluation procedures will facilitate achievement of project goals.
4. Extent to which budget changes or requests are clearly justified and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds.
5. The availability of funds.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to support a health education effort for communities in proximity to DOE nuclear weapons facilities sites to increase understanding of environmental health research. A key focus is to increase community understanding of issues associated with potential health effects of radionuclide and chemical exposures from releases from DOE nuclear weapons facilities near the community. Another key focus will be to address community understanding of environmental health research related to past operations of nuclear weapons facilities. CDC is presently conducting dose reconstruction and health studies in communities. Increasingly, communities desire educational and health communication activities that address their need to understand the conduct of studies and interpretation of results.

CDC is aware of the need for information and community education

near all nuclear weapons facility sites and may consider expanding this program in the future to include additional sites. However, award priority will be given to approved applications that focus on the following sites where CDC studies are in place (only one award will be made per site): (1) Fernald, Ohio; (2) Hanford Nuclear Reservation, Washington; (3) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Idaho; (4) Lawrence Livermore, California; (5) Los Alamos, New Mexico; and (6) Savannah River Site, Georgia/South Carolina.

Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient shall be responsible for the activities under A., below, and CDC shall be responsible for conducting activities under B., below:

A. Recipient Activities

1. Develop and implement a pilot health education program on potential health effects of radionuclide and chemical exposures in communities near DOE nuclear weapons facility. The education program should include information that promotes a basic understanding of the scientific methods used to estimate these exposures and conduct health studies, and, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Development of an educational plan to address identified community needs.
- b. Development and dissemination of educational materials such as brochures, fact sheets, and posters.
- c. Involvement of and outreach to diverse communities, including the youth of communities.
- d. Communication of the concepts depicted in the educational materials to the targeted community through workshops.

2. Develop and implement a parallel evaluation program focusing on the effectiveness of every aspect of the education program in the community in the vicinity of the DOE site.

3. Develop a guidebook, to be used by members of the community during the community education process, and during education efforts for the DOE site.

4. As a follow-up to the education process, identify the types of education materials/information, either generic or specific to the DOE site, that were unavailable and still need to be developed.

5. Meet with representatives of other education/community outreach project representatives at least once a year.

These meetings will be coordinated by CDC.

6. Develop protocol for a community education and training program cooperatively with CDC.

7. Collaborate with CDC on the use of distance-based learning methods for community health education.

B. CDC Activities

1. Provide scientific assistance needed to produce the educational materials to educate the community members.

2. Provide technical assistance in regard to assessment and evaluation activities, the use of distance-based learning methods, and other activities associated with the project.

3. Coordinate annual meetings with recipients and representatives of other education/community outreach projects.

4. Develop protocol for a community education and training program cooperatively with recipients.

5. Provide information regarding CDC environmental health research projects.

6. Collaborate with recipients on the use of distance-based learning methods for community health education.

Evaluation Criteria

The application will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The extent to which the applicant's proposal addresses: (a) A plan for developing a health education program for diverse communities, including the youth of these communities; (b) a plan for providing information support and liaison services to other State, local, and tribal health organizations on radiation-related health studies and; (c) plans and methods by which collaboration with other agencies will take place. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates a cultural competency for the proposed site of the education and training. (35%)

2. The qualifications and commitment of the applicant; allocations of time and effort of staff devoted to the project; and the qualifications of the primary and support staff. (35%)

3. The applicant's ability to collaborate with other agencies for conduct of the project, including the degree of commitment and cooperation of collaborating parties. (30%)

4. The proposed budget on the basis of its reasonableness, concise and clear justification, and consistency with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds. The application will also be reviewed as to the adequacy of existing and proposed facilities and resources for conducting project activities. (Not Scored)

Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are subject to 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 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 send them to Ron 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. The Announcement Number and Program Title should be referenced on the document. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" the State process recommendations it receives after that date.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements. Under these requirements, all community-based nongovernmental applicants must prepare and submit the items identified below to the head of the appropriate State and/or local health agency(s) in the program area(s) that may be impacted by the proposed project no later than the receipt date of the Federal application. The appropriate State and/or local health agency is determined by the applicant. The following information must be provided:

A. A copy of the face page of the application (SF424).

B. A summary of the project that should be titled "Public Health System Impact Statement" (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, and include the following:

1. A description of the population to be served;

2. A summary of the services to be provided; and

3. A description of the coordination plans with the appropriate State and/or local health agencies.

If the State and/or local health official should desire a copy of the entire

application, it may be obtained from the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) or directly from the applicant.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Other Requirements

Paperwork Reduction Act

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and are funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Application Submission and Deadline

An original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Ron Van Duyne, Grants Management Officer, Attention: David Elswick, 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, on or before January 13, 1997.

1. **Deadline:** The application shall be considered as meeting the deadline if it is 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 the 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. A late application will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

A complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance may be obtained from David Elswick, 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) 842-6521, Internet address: DCE1@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Art Robinson,

Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop F-35, Atlanta, GA 30341, telephone (770) 488-7630.

Please refer to Announcement 709 when requesting information and submitting an application.

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" may be obtained through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee: Meeting

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

Name: Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., December 12, 1996. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., December 13, 1996.

Place: CDC, Auditorium A, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director, CDC, and the Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), regarding the practice of hospital infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of nosocomial infections in U.S. hospitals and updating of guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of nosocomial infections.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include a review of the third draft of the Guideline for Infection Control in Hospital Personnel, the Hospital Infections Program organizational structure and activities, proposed plans and outline for revision of the Guideline for Prevention of Surgical Wound Infections, and an update on CDC activities of interest to the Committee.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Julia S. Garner, Nurse Consultant, Hospital Infections Program, NCID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S A-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-6408.

Dated: November 7, 1996.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Renewals

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces the renewal of certain FDA advisory committees by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the charters of the committees listed below for an additional 2 years beyond charter expiration date. The new charters will be in effect until the dates of expiration listed below. This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. app. 2)).

DATES: Authority for these committees will expire on the dates indicated below unless the Commissioner formally determines that renewal is in the public interest.

Name of committee	Date of expiration
Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee	May 30, 1998.
Drug Abuse Advisory Committee	May 31, 1998.
Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research	June 2, 1998.
Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee	June 4, 1998.
Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee	June 4, 1998.
Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration	June 26, 1998.
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee (formerly Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease)	June 9, 1998.
Allergenic Products Advisory Committee	July 9, 1998.
Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee	August 27, 1998.
Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee	August 27, 1998.
Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee	September 1, 1998.
Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee	October 7, 1998.
Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee	October 7, 1998.
Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee	October 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna M. Combs, Committee Management Office (HFA-306), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4820.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L. P.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing