

Revitalization's Turning the Hearts of Fathers Program," the project proposes to test the value, effectiveness, efficiency and utility of its primary intervention, non-traditional outreach and counseling, in altering the lives of fathers, children, the mothers of their children, families and communities.

This project is being funded noncompetitively, because the Institute plans to use innovative and nontraditional techniques which offer the potential of connecting a non-custodial father with his children and forging an emotional bond. The study will employ a holistic approach in providing services to members of the family who impact the father's life.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John K. Maniha, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447, Phone: 202-401-5372.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Grant to The University of Hawaii, Center on the Family

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a noncompetitive grant award is being made to the University of Hawaii, Center on the Family, Honolulu, in the amount of \$499,821 for a 30-month project. Under the title of "Financial Strain and Family Resiliency: A Comparison of Welfare and Working Poor Families," the project seeks to gain an understanding of the factors that foster resiliency in poor families in the face of severe financial strain. Specifically, this study will examine welfare families defined as those families receiving federally-funded Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and state-funded Temporary Assistance to Other Needy Families (TAONF). The project will utilize an ecological systems framework that considers individual, family, and social network qualities as factors that influence family well-being, health, and psychological and work/school

adjustment in these financially stressed groups. The project is unique in that it focuses on psychological and behavioral processes, considers family resiliency as well as vulnerability, and includes Asians (i.e., Filipinos) and Pacific Islanders as well as Caucasians.

This project is being funded noncompetitively, because the study will examine a broad range of attitudinal, psychological and family process variables that impact adjustment in several important psychosocial domains. Also, this study promises to provide useful information on how families cope with financial strain in a stagnant economy such as Hawaii which is in its ninth year of an economic recession.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leonard Sternbach, Administration for Children and Families, 50 U.N. Plaza, San Francisco, California 94102, Telephone: (415) 437-7671.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-1087-N]

#### Medicare Program; Open Public Meeting To Discuss the Conduct of a Second Competitive Bidding Demonstration

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting regarding the operation of a second competitive bidding demonstration. It is our intention to use this second demonstration to continue to examine the use of competitive bidding for the use of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The principal subjects to be discussed will be the selection of the site and the designation of the group of DMEPOS services for which competitive bids will be solicited.

The first demonstration is in Polk County, Florida. The group of items on which competitive bids were solicited in Polk County were: oxygen supplies and equipment, enteral nutrition equipment and supplies, hospital beds, surgical dressings, and urological

supplies. The sale of these products under competitively determined prices will begin October 1, 1999.

This meeting will offer an opportunity to manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, users, and other interested parties to furnish information and raise issues about the group of items to be offered and the site for the second competitive bidding demonstration. The meeting will also address the following issues:

- Quality standards for product categories.
- Bidding for urban versus sparsely populated areas.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., e.d.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in HCFA's Multipurpose Room, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Herbert Silverman, (410) 786-7702, [hsilverman@hcfa.gov](mailto:hsilverman@hcfa.gov)

or

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

Section 1847 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 4319 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, authorizes the implementation of up to five demonstration projects of competitive bidding for Part B services, but excludes physician services. Each demonstration project is to include specified products and/or services and could be conducted in up to three competitive acquisition areas for a 3-year period. However, all demonstrations must be completed by December 31, 2002.

The first demonstration will be operated in Polk County, Florida. We are now considering how to operate a second demonstration. Among the issues that will be addressed are:

- Site characteristics desirable or undesirable for the second demonstration.
- Group of DMEPOS items for inclusion in the second demonstration.

We are also interested in the quality standards widely used in the industry and the sources of those standards.

We are announcing this public meeting to provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations familiar with the characteristics of the DMEPOS markets to furnish information and raise issues pertaining to the second competitive bidding demonstration involving DMEPOS product categories and the standards that would assure high quality products and services. We

intend to gather and present information related to these issues.

We will schedule short (10 to 15 minute) presentations by our staff and the public on these and other related topics. Individuals interested in making a presentation at the meeting must contact Herbert Silverman or Danielle Grush at the above noted telephone numbers or by fax at (410) 786-1048 no later than September 28, 1999. Individuals must identify the topic or issue they want to discuss. Only a limited number of presentations will be allowed because of time constraints. In an effort to assure that all viewpoints are represented, we will notify the participants selected to make presentations by September 30, 1999.

While the meeting is open to the public, attendance is limited to available space. Individuals must register in advance as described below.

#### Registration

Individuals may register by sending a fax to the attention of either Herbert Silverman or Danielle Grush at the above number. At the time of registration, please provide your name, address, and telephone and fax numbers. Your fax transmission sheet receipt will constitute confirmation of your registration. Individuals will be contacted only if space is unavailable. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Ms. Grush. Materials will be provided at the time of the meeting.

We will accept written comments, questions, or other materials specific to the purpose of this meeting if received by September 28, 1999. Written submissions must be sent to: Health Care Financing Administration, Attn: Herbert Silverman, C4-17-27, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

You may contact Mr. Silverman at: Telephone: (410) 786-7702, Fax: (410) 786-1048, E-mail: [hsilverman@hcfa.gov](mailto:hsilverman@hcfa.gov)

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Dated: September 1, 1999.

**Michael M. Hash,**

*Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-017018

*Applicant:* Donald E. Taylor, Olympia, WA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-016881

*Applicant:* Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations, to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18).

PRT-017017

*Applicant:* Robert Deligans, Sherman, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any

party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 2, 1999.

**Kristen Nelson,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Extension of Public Comment Period on Two Applications for Incidental Take Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Due to the recent relocation of our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, the Fish and Wildlife Service is extending the public comment period on two separate applications for incidental take permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended*. These permit applications, from the California Department of Corrections and the Tulare Irrigation District, respectively, were noticed in the **Federal Register** on August 4, 1999 (64 FR 42407 and 42408).

**DATES:** Written comments on these applications should be received on or before September 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Comments may be sent by facsimile to 916-414-6710.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lori Rinek or Mr. Chris Davis, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, at the above address (telephone: 916-414-6600).

Dated: September 1, 1999.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**

*Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office.*

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