

requirements defined by the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP). This is the fourth in a series of checklists that may be used as tools to help agencies review their financial management systems and assist auditors with their responsibilities under the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996. Although this checklist is not required to be used by agencies, this notice indicates that the checklist is available from GAO for immediate use.

**DATES:** January 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the cost accounting checklist are available by (1) pick-up at Document Distribution, U.S. General Accounting Office, Room 1100, 700 4th Street, NW. (corner of 4th and G Streets, NW.), Washington, DC; (2) mail from U.S. General Accounting Office, P.O. Box 37050, Washington, DC 20013; (3) phone at 202-512-6000 or FAX 202-512-6061 or TDD 202-512-2537; or (4) on GAO's home page (<http://www.gao.gov>) on the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert W. Gramling, 202-512-9406.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FFMIA requires, among other things, that agencies implement and maintain financial management systems that substantially comply with federal financial management systems requirements. These system requirements are detailed in the Financial Management Systems Requirements series issued by JFMIP and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-127, Financial Management Systems.

*The JFMIP requirements documents identify:* (1) a framework for financial management systems, (2) core financial systems requirements, and (3) 16 other systems that support agency operations. To date, JFMIP has issued the framework and core documents, and 7 of the 16 systems (inventory, seized/forfeited asset, direct loan, guaranteed loan, travel, personnel-payroll, and managerial cost accounting). In addition to the cost accounting checklist, GAO has issued three other checklists (Framework for Federal Financial Management System Checklist (GAO/AIMD-98-21.2.1), Core Financial System Checklist (GAO/AIMD-98-21.2.2), and Inventory System Checklist (GAO/AIMD-98-21.2.4)). GAO plans to issue a checklist for each of the JFMIP systems requirements documents as the existing ones are updated and new ones are issued. This checklist, issued in final, was initially issued as an exposure draft and the comments received were analyzed and considered.

OMB Circular A-127 and OMB's Implementation Guidance for the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996, issued September 9, 1997, provide the basis for assessing compliance with the FFMIA requirement of agencies to implement and maintain financial management systems that comply substantially with federal requirements. OMB's guidance provides indicators for chief financial officers and inspectors general to assist them in determining whether the agency's financial management systems substantially comply with federal financial management systems requirements. The annual assurance statement required pursuant to section 4 of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act is one of those indicators. Agencies can use GAO's checklists to help determine annual compliance with section 4 of the Integrity Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### The Translation Advisory Committee for Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs; 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 committee meeting.

*Name:* Translation Advisory Committee for Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs.

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.-6 p.m., March 16, 1999; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 17, 1999.

*Place:* Renaissance Atlanta Hotel  
Downtown, 590 W. Peachtree Street, NW,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308, telephone 404/881-6000.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

*Purpose:* This committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, regarding policy issues and broad strategies for diabetes translation activities and control programs designed to reduce risk factors, health services utilization, costs, morbidity, and mortality associated with diabetes and its complications. The Committee identifies research advances and technologies ready for translation into widespread community practice; recommends broad public health strategies to be implemented through public health interventions; identifies opportunities

for surveillance and epidemiologic assessment of diabetes and related complications; and for the purpose of assuring the most effective use and organization of resources, maintains liaison and coordination of programs within the Federal, voluntary, and private sectors involved in the provision of services to people with diabetes.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items include the discussion of public health issues pertinent to risk stratification as it applies to diabetes mellitus in the Division of Diabetes Translation priorities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Norma Loner, Committee Management Specialist, Division of Diabetes Translation, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S K-10, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3717, telephone 770/488-5376.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, 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 Project

*Title:* Year 2000 Systems Compliance Report to the Department of Health and Human Services.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0191.

*Description:* Report the Year 2000 readiness of the State systems that support States' (Child Care, Child Support Enforcement, Child Welfare, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) programs CORE functions. For each program, identify the major functions that must be operational for the program to operate successfully; provide the status of the State's effort to make the automated systems, which support the functions Year 2000 ready.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Annual Burden Estimates:*

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 2000 .....	54	5	1	270

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 270.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: February 17, 1999.

**Bob Sargis,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### Request for Nominations for Members of Public Advisory Committee; Food Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Food Advisory Committee (the Committee) in FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and vacancies that will or may occur on the Committee during the next 12 months.

FDA has special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory committees and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations of appropriately qualified female, minority, or physically handicapped candidates. Final selection from among qualified candidates for each vacancy will be determined by the expertise required to meet specific agency needs and in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of membership. **DATES:** March 24, 1999.)

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations for membership, except for consumer-nominated members, should be sent to Catherine M. DeRoever (address below). All nominations for the consumer-nominated members should be sent to Annette J. Funn (address below).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding all nominations for membership, except consumer-nominated members: Catherine M. DeRoever, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-22), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4251.

Regarding all nominations for consumer-nominated members: Annette J. Funn, Office of Consumer Affairs (HFE-88), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-5006. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is requesting nominations for members to serve on the advisory committee listed below. Individuals should have expertise in the activity of the Committee. Vacancies will occur June 30, 1999.

#### Food Advisory Committee

The Committee provides advice primarily to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, and as needed, to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and other appropriate officials, on emerging food safety, food science, and nutrition issues that FDA considers of primary importance. The Committee also provides advice and makes recommendations on ways of communicating to the public the

potential risks associated with these issues and recommends approaches to be considered in addressing them.

#### Criteria for Members

Persons nominated for membership on the Committee shall be knowledgeable in the fields of physical sciences, biological and life sciences, food science, risk assessment and other relevant scientific disciplines. The agency is particularly interested in considering candidates from a variety of medical specialties because many issues brought before the Committee involve medical or epidemiologic impact on nutrients, additives, contaminants, or other constituents of the diet. The term of office is up to 4 years.

The Committee includes technically qualified members who are identified with consumer interests and representatives of industry interests.

#### Nomination Procedures

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Committee. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude Committee membership. Additionally, the nominee's mailing address, telephone number, and curriculum vitae must accompany the nominations. The agency cannot guarantee further consideration of nominations that do not include this requested information. Potential candidates will be asked by FDA to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, employment, consultancies, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

#### Criteria for Consumer-Nominated Members

Selection of representatives of consumer interests will be conducted through procedures that include use of a consortium of consumer organizations which has the responsibility for screening, interviewing, and recommending candidates for the agency's selection. Candidates from this group, like all other candidates for membership on the Committee, should