

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 28, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 10, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Agency Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Title: FY 2000 Discretionary Announcement of the Availability of

Funds and Request for Applications for Child Care Research.

OMB No.: New Request.

Description: The fiscal year 1999 Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act (Pub L. 105-277) provides \$10 million in FY 2000 funds for child care research, demonstration, and evaluation activities to be used directly or through grants or contracts. In this notice, ACF announces the availability of these funds and requests child care research applications. Universities and colleges, public agencies, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations agreeing to waive their fees are invited to submit applications for Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects, Child Care Policy Research Partnerships, and implementation of the Child Care Research Fellowship Program. Accredited universities and colleges may submit a Child Care Research Scholar application on behalf of a doctoral candidate who has a dissertation proposal approved by their doctoral committee.

Respondents: Universities and colleges, public agencies, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Field Initiated	50	1	15	750
Title Partnerships	25	1	20	500
Fellows Program	15	1	10	150
Scholars	25	1	5	125

Estimated Total Annual Burdens Hours: 1,525 hours.

Additional Information: ACF is requesting that OMB grant a 180 day approval for this information collection under procedures for emergency processing by January 11, 2000. A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Administration for Children and Families, Reports Clearance Officer, Robert Sargis at (202) 690-7275. In addition, a request may be made by sending an e-mail request to: rsargis@acf.dhhs.gov.

Comments and questions about the information collection described above should be directed to the following address by January 11, 2000: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACF, Office of Management and Budget, Paper

Reduction Project, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

Bob Sargis,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Regional Workshops on Centers for Research To Reduce Oral Health Disparities

Notice is hereby given that the National Institute on Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) is sponsoring a series of regional workshops for potential applicants

interested in the Request for Applications entitled "Centers for Research to Reduce Oral Health Disparities." Also collaborating on this initiative are the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, the NIH Office of Research on Minority Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the National Institute of Nursing Research. The Regional Workshops on Centers for Research to Reduce Oral Health Disparities will be held:

January 31—February 1, 2000

Wyndham Garden Hotel, 125 10th Street, Atlanta, GA 30309

February 3—February 4, 2000

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64

Arlington Street, Boston, MA
02116-3912
February 14–February 15, 2000
Chicago Marriott O'Hare, 8535 West
Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631
February 16–February 17, 2000
Harvey Hotel Dallas-Fort Worth
Airport, 4545 John Carpenter
Parkway, Irving, TX 76039
February 24–25, 2000
Park Plaza International San
Francisco, 11177 Airport
Boulevard, Burlingame, CA 94010
February 28–February 29, 2000
Hilton Philadelphia Airport, 4509
Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
19153
April 5, 2000
AADS and IADR Meetings,
Washington Convention Center,
Washington, DC

No registration fee is required. The time for each workshop will be: (a) Day 1—7 p.m.–9 p.m., (b) Day 2—8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

The objective of the Centers for Research to Reduce Oral Health Disparities (CRROHD) initiative is to reduce health disparities in children and their caregivers through basic, patient-oriented/clinical, translational and community research, through training and career development, and through community outreach/service.

The purposes of the workshops are to:

- Bring together potential applicants from the various and diverse communities including colleges/schools/departments of academic health institutions representing the entire spectrum of the health professions (*e.g.*, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary sciences, behavioral and social sciences), state and local health and health financing agencies (*e.g.*, state Medicaid agencies and children's health insurance programs), community and migrant health centers, Indian health service clinics, CDC-sponsored Prevention Research Centers, minority and minority-serving institutions (*e.g.*, Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities), and other groups interested in this initiative; and

- Address questions relating to the development of applications in response to the Request for Applications (RFA DE-99-003) available through the NIDCR Health Disparities Home Page (http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/opportunities/health_disp.htm) or directly from the electronic version of the NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-99-003.html>).

Representatives from various government agencies involved in this

RFA will be available to answer questions and provide additional guidance.

Participants are responsible for making arrangements for their own travel and overnight accommodations. Blocks of sleeping rooms have been set aside at each workshop site at a special rate for federal and nonfederal participants. For additional information please contact Ms. Lorraine Jackson on (301) 594-2616; email: Lorraine.Jackson@nih.gov or Dr. Norman S. Braveman (301) 594-2089; email: Norman.Braveman@nih.gov or visit the NIDCR Health Disparities Activities web site: (http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/opportunities/health_disp.htm).

Dated: December 21, 1999.

Yvonne H. du Buy,

Associate Director for Management, NIDCR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing in the U.S. (and in selected foreign markets) in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information may be obtained by contacting Marlene Shinn at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7056 ext. 285; fax: 301/402-0220; e-mail: ms482m@nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NIH announces the issuance of U.S. Patent 5,958,778, entitled "Container for Drying Biological Samples, Method of Making Such Container, and Method of Using Same," developed by Dr. Geoffrey L. Kidd of the National Eye Institute.

Problem Addressed by This Invention

Many compounds, such as drugs, growth factors, etc., must be kept sterile and must be aliquotted for storage. Usually, these aliquots are best stored lyophilized. Yet, researchers have never had a way to keep aliquots sterile

through the lyophilization process. Consequently, each aliquot has had to be filter-sterilized when reconstituted for use. This process has the disadvantages of consuming excessive filters, syringes, sterile, receptacles, and time and results in serious loss of precious sample due to absorption by the filters (especially with small aliquots less than 1 ml). Alternatively, researchers have had to forgo lyophilization and store their solutions in the less-stable frozen form.

Solution Offered by This Invention

Sterile-lyophilization tubes having a 0.22 micron filter built into the cap. This unique feature allows a sterile solution to remain sterile throughout lyophilization, even after the vacuum is released and air reenters the tube. Thus, a starting solution is simply filter-sterilized while in a relatively large volume, using a single filter and therefore suffering minimal loss and consuming little time. It is then aliquotted into sterile-lyophilization tubes and lyophilized. The tubes can then be transferred directly to the freezer, if desired. The compound is reconstituted when needed, and may then be used immediately without further filtration.

Potential Applications of This Invention

All researchers worldwide who utilize sterile, labile compounds will have an interest in this product, including governmental, university, institutional, and drug company laboratories. Most notably in need are investigators involved in drug-testing, which is normally done either in cell cultures, laboratory animals, or humans, and which requires sterility of many aliquots of many drugs. Additionally, this product will have a large market relating to basic research utilizing microbial, plant, or animal cell or organ cultures, to which sterile compounds such as growth factors are commonly added. Research in drugs, growth factors, etc., is expanding ever more rapidly, and generally requires a cell culture system in which to study such compounds. Most of these compounds are quite expensive. Loss of potency during storage and loss of material during filtration are widespread problems which may be overcome with this invention. Therefore, there exists a tremendous need, and immense market for, this sterile-lyophilization vessel.

Stage of Development

Development is complete and invention has been successfully tested. Prototypes are available.