

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE & TIME:**

*Thursday, February 1, 2001, 10 a.m.*

*Meeting open to the public.*

*This Meeting was Cancelled.*

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:**

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,  
Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Acting Secretary of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**[FEMA-1357-DR]**

**Louisiana; Major Disaster and Related  
Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency  
Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-1357-DR), dated January 12, 2001, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 12, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated January 12, 2001, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Louisiana, resulting from a severe winter ice storm beginning December 11, 2000, and continuing through January 3, 2001, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000) (Stafford Act), I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Louisiana.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as

you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Carlos N. Mitchell of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Louisiana to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bienville, Caddo, Claiborne, Lincoln, Union, and Webster Parishes for Public Assistance.

All parishes within the State of Louisiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**[FEMA-1356-DR]**

**Texas; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of  
a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency  
Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1356-DR), dated January 8, 2001, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 15, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective January 15, 2001.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Notice of Meeting: Secretary's  
Advisory Committee on Generic  
Testing**

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the seventh meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (SACGT), U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on February 15, 2001 and 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2001 at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available.

The Committee will discuss a number of topics, including a proposed classification methodology for genetic tests; a draft genetic test information template for health professionals; and a draft white paper on genetics education for health professionals. Breakout sessions are scheduled for SACGT's working groups to meet and discuss ongoing and future projects. The Committee will be updated on the working groups' activities and progress during the full Committee meeting. The Committee will also hear an update on the activities of the Food and Drug Administration. There will be a limited period of time provided for public comment and interested individuals

should notify the contact person listed below.

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services established SACGT to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health on all aspects of the development and use of genetic tests. The SACGT is directed to (1) recommend policies and procedures for the safe and effective incorporation of genetic technologies into health care; (2) assess the effectiveness of existing and future measures for oversight of genetic tests; and (3) identify research needs related to the Committee's purview.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about SACGT will be available at the following web site: <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacgt.htm>. Individuals who wish to provide public comments or who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the SACGT Executive Secretary, Ms. Sarah Carr, by telephone at 301-496-9838 or E-mail at [sc112c@nih.gov](mailto:sc112c@nih.gov). The SACGT office is located at 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Dated: January 11, 2001.

**Sarah Carr,**

*Executive Secretary, SACGT.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01022]

#### Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement program to promote adequate capacity of local, State, and national efforts for epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance and response for infectious diseases. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. For the conference copy of "Healthy People 2010", visit the internet site: <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>

The purpose of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity in Infectious Diseases (ELC) program is to assist State and eligible local public health agencies in strengthening basic epidemiologic and laboratory capacity to address infectious disease threats with a focus on notifiable diseases, food-, water-, and vector-borne diseases, vaccine-preventable diseases, and drug-resistant infections. Awards are intended to support activities that enhance the ability of a program to identify and monitor the occurrence of infectious diseases of public health importance in a community, characterize disease determinants, identify and respond to disease outbreaks, use public health data for priority setting and policy development, and assess the effectiveness of activities. Strengthening collaboration between laboratory and epidemiology practice is seen as a crucial component of this program.

This program is designed to support grantees in a variety of ways. For example, in health departments where gaps in personnel and equipment are identified as major barriers to effective surveillance and response, the ELC program can provide resources to hire staff or purchase necessary equipment. Funds can also be used to enhance ongoing activities.

##### B. Eligible Applicants

###### Limited Competition

Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of States or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. In addition, official public health agencies of city governments with jurisdictional populations greater than 1,500,000 or county governments with jurisdictional populations greater than 8,000,000 (based on 1990 census data) are eligible to apply.

The ELC program was initiated in 1995 with Program Announcement 95043 and expanded in 1997 and 1999 with Program Announcements 97020 and 99032, respectively. A total of 39 state and 4 local health departments have been funded to date. This announcement is a further expansion of the ELC program and is intended to add new eligible applicants not already funded in the program. States, counties, and cities currently funded under the

ELC program are not eligible to apply under this program announcement.

##### C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$5,250,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund approximately 15 awards. It is expected that the average award (total direct and indirect costs) will be \$350,000. Individual awards may range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about April 1, 2001, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

###### Recipient Financial Participation

Although a requirement for matching funds is not a condition for receiving an award under this cooperative agreement program, applicants must document the non-Federal human and fiscal resources that will be available to conduct activities outlined in the proposal. Federal funds cannot be used to replace or supplant existing State and local support. See Evaluation Criteria (paragraph 6: Budget) for additional information.

##### D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed under 1. (Recipient Activities) and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities).

###### 1. Recipient Activities

a. Enhance local capacity for gathering and evaluating infectious disease surveillance data, detecting and investigating outbreaks, and using surveillance data for public health practice and clinical follow-up. Applicants should analyze their current surveillance infrastructure, identify gaps in core epidemiologic and laboratory capacity, and develop applications to this program announcement that address the needs of their respective health jurisdictions. National priority program areas are briefly described below and are examples of activities that would be appropriate to propose under this program announcement. Applicants are encouraged to consider activities in these areas, yet there is no requirement to do so. Details and example activities for each are provided as Attachments in the Application Kit.