

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. McLaughlin, Chief, Financial Reports Section (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the implementation of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Survey of Small Business Finances

Agency form number: FR 3044

OMB control number: 7100-0262

Frequency: one-time

Reporters: small businesses

Annual reporting hours: 6,100

Estimated average hours per response: 1

Number of respondents: 6,100

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection would be voluntary (12 U.S.C. 252, 1817(j), 1828(c), and 1841 et seq.). Individual respondent data would be provided in a public-use file. However, any information that could identify respondent firms, or the financial institutions that they use, would be excluded from the public data set pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)].

Abstract: The FR 3044 would be similar to the 1987 and 1993 National Surveys of Small Business Finances (OMB Nos. 7100-0234 and 7100-0262, respectively). In part, this survey is being conducted to collect information needed to satisfy the requirements of Section 2227 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996. This law requires the Board to conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress every five years "...detailing the extent of small business lending by all creditors...."

The FR 3044 would gather data from small businesses on their financial relationships, credit experiences, lending terms and conditions, income and balance sheet information, the location and types of financial institutions used, and other firm characteristics. The survey would be conducted by a private survey firm to be chosen in a competitive bidding process. In conjunction with Board staff, the survey firm would conduct small focus groups to investigate emerging issues in small business finance and update the 1993 questionnaire. The survey firm would then conduct two pretests with a minimum of fifty small business firms in each pretest. Following revisions to the questionnaire, the survey would be conducted by means of computer-assisted telephone interviews with approximately 6,000 randomly selected small business firms. Interviewing would likely commence in early 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 3, 1998.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CRADA EPO-98-001]

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Epidemiology Program Office (EPO), Division of Applied Public Health Training (DAPHT), announces the opportunity for potential collaborators to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for development of an interactive computer game based on principles of epidemiology and public health practice.

The science of epidemiology is a critical element to achieving CDC's mission, "To promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability." Through interaction with this computer game, players will have an opportunity to apply epidemiology in simulated public health situations. Through this activity, players will acquire knowledge and develop skills enabling them to promote CDC's public health prevention mission.

It is anticipated that all inventions which may arise from the CRADA will be jointly owned. The collaborator with whom the CRADA is made will have an option to negotiate an exclusive royalty-bearing license.

Because CRADAs are designed to facilitate the development of scientific and technological knowledge into useful, marketable products, a great deal of freedom is given to Federal agencies in implementing collaborative research. The CDC may accept staff, facilities, equipment, supplies, and money from the other participants in a CRADA; CDC may provide staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies to the project. There is a single restriction in this exchange: CDC MAY NOT PROVIDE FUNDS to the other participants in a CRADA. This opportunity is available until May 26, 1998. Respondents may be provided a longer period of time to furnish additional information if CDC finds this necessary.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical: Peter Jenkins, Office of Scientific and Health Communications, Epidemiology Program Office, CDC, Mailstop C08, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone 404-639-3909, FAX 404-639-3950; Kimberly Geissman, Division of Applied Public Health Training, Epidemiology Program Office, CDC, Mailstop D18, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone 404-639-4772, FAX 404-639-2222.

Business: Janet Mosser, Office of the Director, Epidemiology Program Office, CDC, Mailstop C08, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone 404-639-3191, FAX 404-639-2132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

EPO/DAPHT Development Team will work with applicant to develop and promote an interactive, strategic computer game (similar to SimCity[TM] & SimHealth[TM])¹ that simulates the work environment of a practicing epidemiologist/public health specialist in which the player investigates disease outbreaks. Collaborating with DAPHT staff, applicant will design and produce a CD-ROM-based game that simulates disease outbreaks, e.g., infectious diseases and environmental injuries that affect the health of a fictitious human/animal population. The game is to contain epidemiologic data from 5-15 actual CDC-conducted disease outbreak investigations. (Variables in epidemiologic data may be introduced to increase possible combinations.) The player uses epidemiologic principles to determine the source of the outbreak and develop a response to control disease-related morbidity and mortality. The game is to be designed for multiple levels of player experience, beginning with high-school students through professionally trained public health specialists. Training and background-information modules will be included to guide beginner and intermediate players while expert level players may bypass those activities. Consideration is to be given for adding new epidemiologic data to extend the longevity of game marketability. The game is to be marketed to public health professionals, educators, and the general public.

The goal of this CRADA is to establish a commercial partnership for the development and production of an interactive computer-based game in epidemiology. CDC holds a wealth of data from actual epidemiologic investigations that would be useful in educating students and health professionals about public health

principles if presented in a popular, entertaining computer medium that is highly developed in the commercial marketplace.

Respondents to this application are to provide evidence of expertise in the development and marketing of computer-based simulation games. Respondents should provide supporting information (e.g., resumes) of qualifications for the project director and staff such as instructional designer, computer programmer, and graphic artist who would be involved in the CRADA. In addition, evidence should be provided that a technical representative familiar with epidemiological data systems will be able to work on-site at CDC. The respondent should also provide samples of similar projects developed and indicate the length of time of production and examples of successful marketing to academic and professional audiences. The respondent will develop the final research plan in collaboration with CDC but should provide an outline of a research plan for review by CDC in judging applications.

Applicant submissions will be judged according to the following criteria:

1. Expertise, qualifications, and experience of staff.
2. Willingness to assign technical representative on-site at CDC.
3. Demonstration of development of a similar technical product in a timely manner.
4. Ability to produce a product suitable for an academic/educational audience (high school through post-graduate/professional).

This CRADA is proposed and implemented under the 1986 Federal Technology Transfer Act: Public Law 99-502, as amended.

The responses must be made to: Peter Jenkins, Office of Scientific and Health Communications, Epidemiology Program Office, CDC, Mailstop C08, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone 404-639-3909; FAX 404-639-3950.

Dated: April 3, 1988.

Joseph R. Carter,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98047]

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers Cooperative Agreements; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for cooperative agreement programs for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a DHHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to health priorities in Health Promotion, Health Protection, and Preventive Services. (To order a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "Where to Obtain Additional Information.")

Authority

This program is authorized under sections 1706 (42 U.S.C. 300u-5) and 317(k)(3) (42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(3)), 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 Pub. L. 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

Eligible applicants are academic health centers; defined as schools of public health, medicine, or osteopathy; that have:

A. Multidisciplinary faculty with expertise in public health and which has working relationships with relevant groups in such fields as public health, medicine, psychology, nursing, oral health, social work, education, and business.

B. Core faculty in epidemiology, biostatistics, social sciences, behavioral and environmental health sciences, and health administration.

C. Demonstrated curriculum in health promotion and disease prevention.

¹ Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or CDC.