

subsequently established in a collaborative effort by NIEHS and 13 other Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs. The Committee's functions include the coordination of interagency reviews of toxicological test methods and communication with stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The following Federal regulatory and research agencies and organizations are participating in this effort:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
Department of Defense
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Services
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Food and Drug Administration
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/CDC
National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Library of Medicine
Department of the Interior
Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Department of Transportation
Research and Special Programs Administration
Environmental Protection Agency.

The Corrositex® assay was proposed to ICCVAM for consideration as a test to identify the potential of chemicals to cause skin corrosion. An ICCVAM Corrosivity Working Group composed of Federal employees determined that there was sufficient information available to merit an independent scientific peer review of the Corrositex® assay test method. Peer review has been determined to be an essential prerequisite for consideration of a method for regulatory acceptance. The peer review panel will be charged with developing a scientific consensus on the usefulness of the test method to generate information for human hazard identification purposes. Following evaluation at this peer review meeting, the proposed test method and results of the peer review will be forwarded by ICCVAM to Federal agencies for consideration. Federal agencies will determine the regulatory acceptability of a method according to their mandates.

Agenda

There will be a brief orientation on ICCVAM and the ICCVAM review process, followed by peer review of the proposed Corrositex® test method and supporting information. The peer

review panel will discuss the usefulness of the Corrositex® assay as an alternative to test methods currently accepted by government regulatory authorities for the assessment of skin corrosivity potential of chemicals and products. Copies of the Corrositex® Test Method Protocol and supporting documentation may be obtained from NICEATM, MD EC-17, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709 (919-541-3398), FAX (919-541-0947), e-mail: ICCVAM@niehs.nih.gov. The Corrositex® test method documents and copies of written public comments can also be viewed at the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Reading Room, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 on Monday through Friday from 8 am. to 5 pm.

Public Comment

NICEATM invites the submission of written comments on the proposed Corrositex® test method, and other available information regarding the usefulness of the Corrositex® assay, including information about completed, ongoing, or planned studies. Written comments and additional information should be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to NICEATM at the address listed above by December 10, 1998. Written comments will be made available to the peer review panel members, ICCVAM agency representatives and experts, and will be made available for attendees at the meeting. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements at the meeting should also contact NICEATM as soon as possible, but no later than January 10, 1999. Speakers will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be limited to a maximum of five minutes in presentation length. Written comments accompanying the oral statement should be submitted in advance so that copies can be made and distributed to the peer panel members.

NICEATM will furnish an agenda and a roster of peer review panel members just prior to the meeting. Summary minutes and a final report of the Corrositex® assay peer review meeting will be available subsequent to the meeting upon request to the Center. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact NICEATM as described above.

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Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4328-FA-04]

Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 1998 Hispanic Serving Institutions Work Study Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for Fiscal Year 1998 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Work Study Program (HSI-WSP). The purpose of this document is to announce the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards to community colleges to be used to attract economically disadvantaged and minority students to pre-professional careers in community and economic development, community planning and community management, and to provide a cadre of well-qualified professionals to work in local community building programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Karadibil, Office of University Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8110, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1537, extension 5918. To provide service for persons who are hearing- or speech-impaired, this number may be reached via TTY by dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on (800) 877-8339, or 202-708-1455. (Telephone numbers, other than the "800" TTY number, are not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HSI-WSP is administered by the Office of University Partnerships under the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. The Office of University Partnerships administers HUD's ongoing grant programs to institutions of higher education and creates initiatives through which colleges and universities can bring their traditional missions of teaching, research, service, and outreach to bear on the pressing local problems in their communities.

The HSI-WSP was created through an earmark of funds appropriated for the Community Development Work Study Program. Eligible applicants are private non-profit Hispanic-serving community colleges having qualifying academic degrees. Each participating institution of

higher education can be funded for a minimum of three and a maximum of ten students. The HSI-WSP provides each participating student up to \$12,200 per year for a work stipend (for internship-type work in community building) and tuition and additional support (for books and other expenses related to the academic program).

Additionally, the HSI-WSP provides the participating institution of higher education with an administrative allowance of \$1,000 per student per year. On April 2, 1998 (63 FR 16340), HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of \$3 million in FY 1998 funds for the Hispanic-Serving Institutions Work Study Program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applications announced below, and in accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards, as follows

List of Awardees for FY 1998 Grant Assistance; Hispanic-Serving Institutions Work Study Program Funding; Competition, by Name, Address, Phone Number, Grant Amount, and Number of Students Funded

New York/New Jersey

1. Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College, Dr. Harry N. Heineman, Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College, 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island, NY 11101, (718) 482-5203. Grant: \$150,780 to fund nine students.

2. Passaic County Community College, Professor Angelo Tritini, Passaic County Community College, Department of Humanities, One College Boulevard, Paterson, NJ 07505, (973) 684-5532. Grant: \$158,400 to fund six students.

Southeast/Caribbean

3. Colegio Tecnológico del Municipio de San Juan, Ms. Maria Quinones, Colegio Tecnológico del Municipio de San Juan, 180 Jose Oliver Street, Urb. Tres Monjitas, San Juan, PR 00918, (787) 250-7111. Grant: \$211,392 to fund nine students.

4. Colegio Universitario Del Este, Professor Casilda Umpierre, Colegio Universitario Del Este, P.O. Box 2010, Carolina, PR 00984, (787) 257-7373, ext. 2506). Grant: \$214,920 to fund nine students.

Midwest

5. St. Augustine College, Mr. Rafael Betancourt, St. Augustine College, 1333 W. Argyle, Chicago, IL 60640, (773) 878-8756. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

Southwest

6. San Antonio College, Ms. Sylvia DeLeon, San Antonio College, Public Administration Program, 1300 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78212, (210) 733-2888. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

7. Northern New Mexico Community College, Dr. Felicia Casados, Northern New Mexico Community College, Planning and Special Projects, 921 Paseo de Oñate, Espanola, NM 87532, (505) 747-2142. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

8. Southwest Texas Junior College, Dr. Gloria Rivera, Southwest Texas Junior College, Instructional Services, 2401 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX 78801, (830) 591-7286. Grant: \$197,604 to fund nine students.

Rocky Mountains

9. Community College of Denver, Ms. Karen Thies-McWilliam, Community College of Denver, Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 173363, campus Box 950, Denver, CO 80217, (303) 556-4583. Grant: \$255,180 to fund nine students.

Pacific/Hawaii

10. Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, Dr. Denise G. Fairchild, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, 400 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 744-9065. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

11. Los Angeles Harbor College, Ms. Clare Adams, Los Angeles Harbor College, 1111 Figueroa Place, Wilmington, CA 90744, (310) 522-8318. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

12. Santa Ana College, Ms. Becky Haglund, Santa Ana College, Nursing Department, 1530 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706, (714) 564-6828. Grant: \$237,600 to fund nine students.

13. East Los Angeles College, Mr. David Fisher, East Los Angeles College, Academic Affairs, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterrey Park, CA 91754, (213) 264-8723. Grant: \$234,450 to fund nine students.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Lawrence L. Thompson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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HOPE VI Revitalization Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 1998

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding award decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding Public Housing Agencies. The announcement contains the names and addresses of the agencies receiving grants and the amount of the grants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Prescott, Acting Director, Office of Urban Revitalization, Room 4138, Office of Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 401-8812. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-8339 or (202) 708-9300. (With the exception of the "800" number, these are not toll free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HOPE VI Program was created in October 1992 as an appropriation for grants under the name "Urban Revitalization Demonstration Program." Congress did not pass an authorization bill for the program, and, therefore, HUD has not issued program regulations. HOPE VI has been funded by appropriation in FY 1993-1998. Grants are governed by each Fiscal Year's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), as published in the **Federal Register**, and the Grant Agreement executed between each recipient and HUD. The purpose of the program is to revitalize severely distressed or obsolete public housing developments through demolition, rehabilitation, and new construction of safe and affordable homes that blend into the surrounding neighborhood.

The 1998 awards announced in this Notice were selected for funding in a competition announced in a **Federal Register** NOFA published on March 31, 1998 (63 FR 15490). Applications were scored and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that NOFA. HUD awarded a total of \$507 million in HOPE VI funds to 22 public housing authorities.