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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Bunker Hill Workshop on Early Detection of Nephropathy

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry announces the following meeting:

NAME: Bunker Hill Workshop on Early Detection of Nephropathy.

TIMES AND DATES: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 25, 1999, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 26, 1999.

PLACE: Sheraton Buckhead Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, telephone 404/848-7308.

STATUS: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

PURPOSE: The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is developing a Medical Monitoring for Disorders of the Kidney Associated with the Bunker Hill Site. In order to assure that the program is based on the latest scientific findings in this field, the Agency is convening a workshop of experts to provide guidance and input.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: As a result of contamination by the Bunker Hill Mining site in Kellogg, Idaho, the workers and surrounding population were exposed to nephrotoxic heavy metals, primarily lead and cadmium. This workshop will bring together international experts to provide ATSDR information and individual input on the latest scientific findings in this field and how they may be applied to the medical monitoring program at the Bunker Hill location. Of special interest to ATSDR is the availability of biomarkers to screen for early signs of reversible nephropathy before progressive renal dysfunction occurs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99113]

Cooperative Agreement for a National Poison Prevention and Control Program; Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) announce the availability of fiscal year 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program for a National Poison Prevention and Control Program.

The purpose of the program is to support an integrated system of poison prevention and control services including: coordination of all poison control centers (PCCs) through development, implementation and evaluation of standardized public education, development of a plan to improve national toxicsurveillance and development of a single, nationwide toll-free telephone number and related public service media campaign.

For additional background see: Addendum 2 in the application kit.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1,050,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 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.

D. Cooperative Activities

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

1. Recipient Activities

(a) Develop a plan and begin implementation to assess and improve the current national toxicsurveillance system.

(b) Develop and coordinate a plan with poison control centers, State health departments, and voluntary organizations to provide standardized public education for poison control services.

(c) Develop a plan and begin implementation of a national public service media campaign to familiarize the public with poison control services.

(d) Develop a plan for and begin implementation of a national poison prevention and control program including a nationwide toll-free number with 24 hour capability that provides nationwide access by all U.S. residents to poison prevention and control information.

2. CDC Activities

(a) Provide technical advice and consultation, in conjunction with HRSA, on all aspects of recipient activities.

(b) Assist in the development and implementation of the public service media campaign to familiarize the public with poison control services.

(c) Assist in the assessment of the national toxicsurveillance system and related improvement plan.

E. Application Content

Use the information in the Cooperative Activities, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than [30] double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and unredacted font.

The application must include:

1. Abstract:

A one page abstract and summary of the proposed effort.

2. Background and Need:

Application should describe the background and need for an integrated program of poison prevention and control services including: development, implementation and evaluation of standardized public education, development of a plan to improve national toxicosurveillance and coordination of all poison control centers (PCCs) through the development of a single, nationwide toll-free telephone number and related public service media campaign.

3. Methods:

Describe activities required to implement an integrated system of poison prevention and control services, (refer to purpose). Provide (a) goals and objectives for implementation; (b) timeline for implementation of activities that is logically sequenced. Describe the coordination of the poison control centers and other organizations who will participate and how this will occur. Include letters of support from all involved individuals and organizations.

4. Evaluation:

Provide and describe how the proposed evaluation system will document program process and effectiveness and the impact on delivering poison prevention and control services. Document staff availability and expertise and capacity to perform the evaluations. Indicate willingness to participate in a process of continuous improvement which may require frequent review of progress and process utilized, remediation of identified barriers, and adoption of modified methods and measures.

5. Staff and Resources:

Describe the responsibilities of a program coordinator and each of the other staff members responsible for carrying out the national poison prevention and control program. Description should include: experience, professional education and the time devoted to program. Curriculum Vitae should be included for each critical staff member.

6. Budget:

A detailed budget with accompanying narrative justifying all individual budget items which make up the total amount of funds requested. The budget should be consistent with the stated goals and objectives.

F. Submission and Deadline

Application

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) Forms are in the application kit. On or before July 7, 1999, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where To

Obtain Additional Information" Section of this announcement.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (a) or (b) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by CDC.

1. Background and Need (25 Percent)

The extent to which the applicant presents an understanding of the need for a national poison prevention and control program and demonstrates experience in this area, especially the ability to work with poison control centers and their key issues, and describes the likely impact of their activities on this problem.

2. Methods (30 Percent)

The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed description of all proposed activities and collaboration needed to achieve each objective and the overall program goal(s). The extent to which the applicant provides a reasonable logically sequenced and complete schedule for implementing all activities. The extent to which position descriptions, lines of command, and collaborations are appropriate to accomplishing the program goal(s) and objectives.

3. Evaluation (10 Percent)

The extent to which the proposed evaluation plan is detailed and capable of documenting program process and outcome measures. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates staff and/or collaborator availability, expertise, and capacity to perform the evaluation.

4. Staff and Resources (35 Percent)

The extent to which the applicant can provide adequate facilities, staff and/or collaborators, including a full-time coordinator and resources to accomplish the proposed goal(s) and objectives

during the project period. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates staff and/or collaborator availability, expertise, previous experience, and capacity to perform the undertaking successfully.

5. Budget and Justification (Not scored)

The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed budget and narrative justification consistent with the stated objectives and planned program activities.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of

1. semiannual progress reports;
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and

3. final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where To Obtain Additional Information" Section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I. (List all applicable requirements by number and title. The Grants Management Branch will include the applicable descriptions in the application kit.)

- AR-7 Executive Order 12372 Review
- AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2000
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-13 Prohibition on Use of CDC Funds for Certain Gun Control Activities
- AR-14 Accounting System Requirements
- AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a), 317(k)(2), 391, 392, 394, and 394A [42 U.S.C. 241(a), 247b(k)(2), 280b, 280b-1, 280b-2, 280b-3] of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov> for this and other program announcements.

To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest. Please refer to Program Announcement 99113 when you request information. After reviewing the Program Announcement, for business management assistance, contact: Joanne Wojick, Grants Management Specialist Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99113, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone (404) 488-2717, Email address jcw6@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Paul Burlack, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 4770 Buford Highway N.E., Mailstop F41, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, Telephone (770) 488-4031, pab5@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Collection of Fees at United States Ports Designated To Conduct Rodent Infestation Inspections and Issue Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is adopting a requirement for collection of user fees for conducting rodent infestation inspection of ships, and issuing Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates. While the United States does not require these certificates for ships to enter its seaports, the United States conducts inspections and issues certificates in accordance with 42 CFR 71.46 and Article 17 of the International Health Regulations.

DATES: Effective date is June 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Authority: 42 U.S.C. 264-271, 42 CFR 71.46, IHR Articles 17 and 53.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to charge fees for rodent infestation inspections of ships, and issuance of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates, where these services are provided directly by employees or vendors of the CDC was published in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 1998 (63 FR 64967).

Comments Received

Interested parties were afforded an opportunity to comment on the proposal. One media inquiry and no comments were received during the comment period.

Conclusion

CDC has determined that in the interest of defraying the cost of inspection and certificate issuance, user fees will be implemented for rodent infestation of ships, and issuance of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates. Rodent infestation inspections for ships will be conducted at 11 major ports upon request, including: Baltimore, Maryland; Honolulu, Hawaii; Houston, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; Los Angeles, California; Miami, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; New York, New York; San Francisco, California; Savannah, Georgia; and Seattle, Washington.

Cost Impact

The United States does not require a Rodent Infestation Inspection, or a Deratting or Deratting Exemption Certificate, for ships to enter its seaports. Article 17 of the International Health Regulations, published by the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, requires that each Health Administration provide these services, and Article 82 outlines the criteria for charging fees. 42 CFR 71.46 authorizes the performance of these services by the Public Health Service as carried out by CDC. CDC has for many years offered these services at no cost to the owners or agents of ships requesting them. These user fees will, in a manner consistent with most other countries, pass the cost of conducting these services along as a charge to those

receiving and benefitting from the inspections and certificates.

Regulatory Impact

The requirements adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this action does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

This action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act; and (3) does not impose additional costs upon any State or local government as a result of a mandate imposed upon them as a government agency, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Collection of Information

This final rule contains no new collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

User Fee Administration

1. Effective June 6, 1999, user fees will be collected for all rodent infestation inspections of ships, and the associated issuance of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates, by CDC and its vendors.

2. Rodent infestation inspections for ships will be conducted at 11 ports upon request, including: Baltimore, Maryland; Honolulu, Hawaii; Houston, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; Los Angeles, California; Miami, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; New York, New York; San Francisco, California; Savannah, Georgia; and Seattle, Washington.

3. Costs are determined by taking into consideration such items as salaries, benefits, vendor services, printing, supplies, and agency overhead. The charge for the first full year during which fees for rodent infestation inspections and issuance of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates are assessed is \$150 for each inspection conducted. Shipping companies will be provided by mail instructions for submitting fees. The fees will be due at the address specified in the bill, not later than 30 days following the inspection. Arrangements may also be made to prepay user fees and draw against those prepayments.