

Fellows have the appropriate experience/skills, and that the training developed for them and the work assigned to them will enhance their ability to make significant contributions

to the fields of child development and family services. The information collected is used by program staff and policy makers at the Federal level to

make judgements on the progress and needs of the program.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Head Start Fellows	200	1	2	400

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:
400.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Community Services

[Program Announcement No. OCS-99-07]

Request for Applications Under the Office of Community Services' Fiscal Year 1999 Community Services Block Grant Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity-Building Program

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications under the Office of Community Services' Community Services Block Grant Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building (CSBG-T&TA) Discretionary Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services (OCS) invites eligible entities to submit applications for FY 1999 funding of competitive grants under the CSBG-T&TA discretionary grants program.

Applications received in response to this notice will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this document. Awards will be contingent on the outcome of the competition and the availability of funds.

ADDRESSES: Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants must obtain a copy of the CSBG-T&TA Application Kit, containing additional program information, forms, and instructions. Application Kits are available by writing or calling the Office of Community Services at 5th Floor West, Aerospace Building, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington DC 20447. To obtain a copy of the CSBG-T&TA Application Kit, call: (202) 401-4787.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Washnitzer, Director, Division of State Assistance, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, DC 20447. Telephone: (202) 401-9343.

A copy of the **Federal Register** containing the CSBG-T&TA program announcement is available for reproduction at most local libraries and Congressional District Offices. It is also available on the Internet through GPO Access at the following web address:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

If the announcement is not available at these sources, it may be obtained by writing to the office listed under **ADDRESSES** above.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: The closing dates for submission of applications is July 13, 1999. Further details regarding application submission are provided in the Supplementary Information section of this program announcement. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late. Refer to APPLICATION SUBMISSION below for other details.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Program Announcement

The Application Kit for the FY 1999 CSBG-T&TA program will not be published in the **Federal Register**. Rather, OCS is publishing FY 1999 Program Announcement OCS-99-07 in the **Federal Register**. Program Announcement OCS-99-07 contains the following information for the CSBG-T&TA program: Date of Application Kit; Application Deadline; Program Contact Person; Legislative Authority; Eligible Applicants and Availability of Funds; Program Priority Areas; Project Periods and Budget Periods; Matching Requirement; Type of Awards; and Review Criteria.

B. General Instructions

In order to be considered for a grant under the FY 1999 OCS CSBG-T&TA program announcement, an application must be submitted on the forms supplied and in the manner prescribed by OCS in the 1999 CSBG-T&TA Application Kit. When requesting an Application Kit, the applicant must specify the Community Services Block

Grant Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Application Kit. This is to ensure receipt of all necessary forms and information, including any program-specific evaluation criteria. Application Kits, including all of the necessary forms and instructions, will be available for reading and downloading from the Internet at the OCS Website at:
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm>

C. Application Submission

Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are either received on or before the deadline date or postmarked on or before the deadline date and received by ACF in time for the independent review to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management/OCSE, 4th Floor Aerospace, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447; with the note: Attention: Application for CSBG/T&TA Program or CFDA No. 93-570.

Applicants must ensure that a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or a legibly dated, machine produced postmark of a commercial mail service is affixed to the envelope/package containing the application(s). To be acceptable as proof of timely mailing, a postmark from a commercial mail service must include the logo/emblem of the commercial mail service company and must reflect the date the package was received by the commercial mail service company from the applicant. Private Metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

Applications handcarried by applicants, applicant couriers, or by other representatives of the applicant shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management/OCSE, ACF Mailroom, 2nd Floor Loading Dock, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). The address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application with the note: Attention: CSBG/T&TA Program or CFDA No. 93-570.

ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media.

Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

Applications, once submitted, are considered final and no additional materials will be accepted.

Late applications: Applications, which do not meet the criteria above, are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

Extension of deadlines: ACF may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God (floods, hurricanes, etc.) occur, or when there are widespread disruptions of the mail service. Determinations to extend or waive deadline requirements rest with ACF's Chief Grants Management Officer.

D. Details for This Program Announcement

Pertinent information of concern for potential applicants for the CSBG/ Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program is set forth below:

(CFDA No. 93.570) Deadline Date: July 13, 1999

(1) *Program Contact Persons:* Margaret Washnitzer (202) 401-9343.

(2) *Date of Application Kit:* May 14, 1999.

(3) *Application Deadline:* Applications must be **POSTMARKED** by July 13, 1999. Detailed application submission instructions are included in the Application Kit.

(4) *Legislative Authority:* Section 674(b)(2) of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act of 1981, (P.L. 97-35) as amended by the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, (P.L. Law 105-285).

(5) *Eligible Applicants and Availability of Funds:* The OCS is authorized to make grants and award contracts to eligible entities, organizations whose membership is composed of CSBG-eligible entities or agencies that administer programs for CSBG-eligible entities. Funds available: Approximately \$2,700,000, of which \$400,000 is committed for a continuation grant.

(6) *Priority Areas:* A description of the Program Priority Areas is given below. Refer to Application Kit for complete details.

Priority Area 1.0: Training and Technical Assistance for the Community Services Network

Sub-Priority Areas:

- 1.1 National Training and Technical Assistance to Enhance Community Action;
- 1.2 Statewide Partnership Grants to Implement Results-Oriented Management and Accountability;
- 1.3 Training and Technical Assistance to Develop Special Initiatives Between CAAs and Other Organizations that Address Urban Problems; and
- 1.4 TA to Measure Civic/Social Capital Development.

Priority Area 2.0: CAA Capacity Building

Sub-Priority Areas

- 2.1 Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination of Information on the CSBG Activities;
- 2.2 Local Capacity Building Projects;
- 2.3 Peer-to-Peer Intervention;
- 2.4 Strengthening of CAA Capacity on Legal Issues.

Priority Area 1.0: Training and Technical Assistance for the Community Services Network

This Priority Area addresses the development and implementation of coordinated, comprehensive nationwide or, where appropriate, statewide training and/or technical assistance programs to assist State CSBG staff, staff of State and regional organizations representing eligible entities, and staff of local service providers which receive funding under the CSBG Act, to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to plan, administer, implement, monitor, and evaluate programs designed to ameliorate the causes of poverty in local communities. Programs should include the provision of training and/or technical assistance to State staff, CAA associations, and/or staff of local service providers statewide or nationwide and a description of collaboration with State CSBG staff and local service providers.

Sub-Priority Area 1.1: Training and Technical Assistance to Enhance Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Other Local Service Providers to support program and management improvements. All organizations in the Community Services Network need to be strengthened to perform their respective roles as identified in the Community Services Block Grant Act, as Amended by the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998 (P.L. 97-35, and P.L. 105-285). The new CSBG Reauthorization Act includes the

following: (1) Additional requirements and responsibilities for local CAA Boards of Directors; (2) increased focus on monitoring, training and technical assistance of the CSBG (especially with regard to termination and reduction of funding to eligible entities); and (3) mandates that the Community Services Network participate in the ROMA Performance Measurement system or another system approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Sub-Priority Area is to provide funding for the development and implementation of a comprehensive nationwide training and/or technical assistance program to assist boards and staff of local service providers which receive funding under CSBG to acquire skills and knowledge needed to plan, administer and evaluate effective anti-poverty programs. This may include national dialogues and workshops, seminars and conferences, the development and dissemination of newsletters and position papers, educational materials and other activities. Any activities undertaken must be consistent with the national goals of the ROMA process as developed by the OCS National Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment. This comprehensive nationwide training and technical assistance program should be designed as a 3-year program. Future funding will be contingent on the availability of funds and planning should be done in collaboration with State CSBG Directors and/or their national association's local service providers.

Sub-Priority Area 1.2: Statewide Partnership Grants to Implement ROMA. The purpose of this Sub-Priority Area is to provide training and technical assistance to CAAs and States in the implementation of ROMA. State CAA Associations, in partnership with State CSBG Administrators, are eligible to apply for grants under this Sub-Priority. An applicant will be considered under this priority, only if 90 percent of the CAAs in the State have begun some phases of the ROMA implementation at the time the applicant's proposal is written. All eligible entities must provide evidence that there has been coordination with the State CSBG Office in developing applications under this sub-priority. Data yielded will be used at the local, State and national levels by policy-makers. These Statewide grants are awarded to one entity per State to provide technical support to State CAA Associations, CAAs and States.

Sub-Priority Area 1.3: Technical Assistance to Develop Special Initiatives Between CAAs and Organizations that Address Urban Problems of Low-Income

People. Issues of crime, violence, drug abuse, unemployment, poverty, family breakdown, and inadequate education and training of many young people to attain productive employment in an increasingly technological labor market, threaten the safety and viability of many urban communities. This project will provide technical assistance to assist CAAs in developing and implementing collaborative community-wide strategies, effective organizational working relationships, and special initiatives among CAAs and other organization(s) focusing on issues of crime, violence, family breakdowns, drug abuse and poverty. Emphasis will be on assisting CAAs to bring together the various community, business, labor, voluntary, educational, civil rights, and governmental sectors required to develop model local strategies to improve conditions in low-income, urban communities. Applicants are encouraged to develop applications in collaboration with at least one other national private, non-profit organization, which has a substantial track record in formulating strategies to improve conditions in low-income urban communities.

Sub-Priority Area 1.4: Technical Assistance to Support the Use of Scales to Measure Civic/Social Capital Development. The OCS is interested in developing the community action network's capacity to apply the use of scales to measure civic/social capital development. The purpose of this sub-priority is to provide funding to explore and to apply the most current body of knowledge regarding the development of civic/social capital to meet the needs of low-income neighborhoods. Further, the project will advance the capacity of community action agencies to measure and evaluate civic social capital development research and best practices with the implementation of ROMA in the areas of community scaling, neighborhood assessment, resident participation, surveying and/or strategic planning. OCS is interested in funding innovative strategies that motivate CAAs to focus on using civic/social capital to develop and strengthen neighborhood assets while building opportunities for participation by residents. Applicant CAAs should have a demonstrated ability to bring multiple stakeholders together in order to address common issues or problems and experience in the use of scales to measure community-level outcomes. Applicant should include a plan, which describes how results will be shared with the larger community action network.

Priority Area 2.0: CAA Capacity Building

This Priority Area addresses activities to assist community action agencies (CAAs) to enhance their ability to plan, manage, deliver and evaluate programs to achieve results. This includes: support for the continuation and improvement of (a) CSBG voluntary data collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization; (b) Program and management techniques; (c) Computer skills and electronic networking; (d) Peer-to-peer intervention to avert CAA crisis management; and (e) Legal assistance to assist community action agencies to further the understanding (i.e., special initiatives) of legal frameworks.

Priority Area 2.1. Collection, Analysis and Dissemination of Information on the CSBG Activities Nationwide. Technical assistance under this priority is being supported as a continuation grant in 1999. This grant will be continued without competition.

Priority Area 2.2. Local Capacity Building. The purpose of this Sub-Priority is to promote management efficiency and program productivity. It is essential that local CAAs and other partners in the Community Services Network share effective program/management techniques and information systems technology being used and/or developed by eligible entities to address various aspects of poverty and the implementation of ROMA by the Community Services Network. This sub-priority area is to fund grants to community action agencies to promote local CAA capacity building. Activities may include: sharing of model needs assessment tools; sharing of effective computer techniques; the development of effective community organizing techniques; demonstration of scaling techniques; and use of tracking systems; internal and external communication networks; effective integration of information systems; successful leveraging strategies, etc. Applicants must include a plan which describes how the results will be shared with the larger Community Services Network.

Priority Area 2.3: Peer-to-Peer Crisis Intervention. The purpose of this Sub-Priority Area is to strengthen the fiscal and management capacity of eligible entities. OCS will fund several organizations to develop and implement strategies to provide coordinated, timely peer-to-peer technical assistance and crisis aversion intervention strategies for CAAs which have identified themselves as experiencing programmatic, administrative, board, and/or fiscal

management problems. Such technical assistance should be designed to prevent fiscal and management problems from deteriorating into crisis situations that could threaten the capacity of CAAs to provide quality services to their communities or give rise to possible termination. In a written agreement with chosen CAAs, the applicant will coordinate and deploy the technical assistance resources of experienced individuals within the Community Services Network or other agencies which administer similar programs to assist low-income individuals in the identification and resolution of programs, through necessary actions, including training, to ensure that relevant and timely assistance is provided. Such assistance may be requested to assist the agency in resolving adverse program monitoring or audit findings, improve or upgrade financial management systems, prevent losses of funds, avert serious deterioration of the board of directors, or other immediate assistance to CAAs as requested. To the extent feasible, the applicant may be expected to develop an expert technical assistance resource bank of experienced individuals from the Community Services Network who may be deployed to provide peer technical assistance.

Priority Area 2.4: Strengthening CAA Capacity on Legal Issues Toward Problem Solving. The purpose of this Sub-Priority Area is to fund a national organization with legal expertise whose membership is composed of eligible entities to further the capacity of community action agencies to better prepare themselves and their customers on the legal problems and solutions which are commonly faced in the delivery of human services. This national organization applicant should assist community action agencies or their associations in establishing legal frameworks for problem solving and management strategies when appropriate. Working in collaboration with at least one national organization whose membership is composed of eligible entities, the applicant would be expected to propose and conduct high-quality legal training or technical assistance tailored to the CAA network at national conferences or training workshops. The applicant would also be expected to contribute specialized articles, which further the network's legal understanding to newsletters or other dissemination devices within the CAA network. Additionally, the applicant would be expected to establish and maintain a revolving loan fund or some mechanism to further the

resources of eligible entities in the procurement of specialized legal assistance. Legal expertise funded by this Sub-Priority Area is not proposed as a substitute for the local agency's own legal counsel nor for local administrative matters or other situations unrelated to the CSBG legislation. Instead, training and technical assistance for this project should serve as an additional resource for local counsel faced with community action issues which might require specialized knowledge and skills, including those of competent persuasion and negotiation. Anticipated results are: (1) legal capability at the CAA level will be enhanced; (2) Legal opinions will be prepared in a timely manner to increase their effectiveness; (3) Negotiated strategies which involve legal opinions can serve as a framework for solving problems to avert major crises. Applicant should design a 3-year program. Future funding will be contingent on the availability of funds.

(7) **Project Periods and Budget Periods:** For projects included in the FY 1999 announcement, the project and budget periods are 12 months, with the exception of Sub-Priority 2.1—Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination of Information on CSBG Activities Nationwide. The project under Sub-Priority 2.1 will have a project period up to three (3) years through FY 1999. The application for a continuation grant funded under these awards beyond the initial 12-month budget period, but within the three-year project period, will be entertained in subsequent years, on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government. Budget periods are for 12 months, unless the applicant presents a justification for a longer period of time; in which case, a grant may be made for a period of up to 17 months.

(8) **Matching Requirements:** None.

(9) **Type of Awards:** Grants.

(10) **Review Criteria:**

Criteria for Review and Evaluation of Applications Submitted under the FY 1999 CSBG-T&TA Program Announcement

1. **Criterion I: Need for Assistance** (Maximum: 20 points)

(a) The application documents that the project addresses vital needs related to the purposes stated under Sub-Priority Areas discussed in Part B of the CSBG-T&TA Application Kit and provides statistics and other data and information in support of its contention. (0–10 points).

(b) The application provides current supporting documentation or other testimonies regarding needs from State CSBG Directors, local service providers and/or State and Regional organizations of local service providers. (0–10 points)

2. **Criterion II: Work Program** (Maximum: 30 points).

The work program must be results-oriented, appropriately related to the legislative mandate and specifically related to the proposed Sub-Priority Area. Applicant must address specific outcomes to be achieved; performance targets which the project is committed to achieving, including specifications for not setting lower or higher target levels and how the project will verify the achievement of these targets; critical milestones which must be achieved if results are to be gained; organizational support including priority this project has for the agency, past performance in similar work and specific resources contributed to the project which are critical to success. Applicants must define the comprehensive nature of the project and methods which will be used to ensure that the results can be used to address a statewide or nationwide project as defined by the priority area.

3. **Criterion III: Significant and Beneficial Impact** (Maximum 15 points).

Applicant adequately describes how the project will assure long-term program and management improvements and have advantages over other products offered to achieve the same outcomes for State CSBG offices, CAA State associations, and/or local providers of CSBG services and activities.

The applicant must provide the types and amounts of public and/or private resources it will mobilize and how those resources will directly benefit the project, and how the project will ultimately benefit low-income individuals and families.

An applicant proposing a project with a training and technical assistance focus also must indicate the number of organizations and/or staff it will impact. An applicant proposing a project with a data collection focus also must provide a description of the mechanism the applicant will use to collect data, how it can assure collections from a significant number of States, and how many States will be willing to submit data to the applicant. An applicant proposing to develop the symposium series or other policy-related projects must identify the number and types of beneficiaries. Methods of securing participant feedback and evaluations of activities must be described for all Priority Areas.

4. Criterion IV: Evidence of Significant Collaborations (Maximum 10 Points)

A new performance-based paradigm is replacing a compliance-based approach to managing CSBG programs. Under this new approach, development and strengthening of collaborative working relationships among all eligible entities in the Community Services Network and with other related organizations is emphasized. OCS does not believe that the Priority Areas in this Program Announcement can be effectively carried out without collaboration and cooperation. Thus, applicants must describe how they will involve partners in the Community Services Network in their activities. Where appropriate, applicants must describe how they will interface with other related organizations. If subcontracts are proposed, documentation of the willingness and capacity for the subcontracting organization(s) to participate must be described.

5. Criterion V: Ability of Applicant to Perform (Maximum: 20 points).

(a) The applicant demonstrates experience and a successful track record relevant to the specific activities and program area that it proposes to undertake; therefore, organizations which propose providing training and technical assistance must detail their competence in the specific program Priority Area and as a deliverer with expertise in the specific fields of training and technical assistance on a nationwide basis. If applicable, information provided by these applicants must also address related achievements and competence of each cooperating or sponsoring organization. (0-10 points)

(b) The application must fully describe (e.g. a resume) the experience and skills of the proposed project director and primary staff showing specific qualifications and professional experiences relevant to the successful implementation of the proposed project. (0-10 points)

6. Criterion VI: Adequacy of Budget (Maximum: 5 points).

(a) The resources requested are reasonable and adequate to accomplish the project. (0-3 points)

(b) Total costs are reasonable and consistent with anticipated results. (0-2 points)

Additional Requirements:

Applicants for grants must also meet the following requirements:

A. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 #0970-0062

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the

Department is required to submit to OMB for review and approval any reporting and record keeping requirements in regulations, including Program Announcements. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This Program Announcement does not contain information collection requirements beyond those approved for ACF grant announcements/applications under OMB Control Number 0970-0062.

B. Intergovernmental Review

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs. NOTE: State/Territory participation in the Intergovernmental Review process does not signify applicant eligibility for financial assistance under a program. A potential applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the program for which it is applying prior to submitting an application to its SPOC, if applicable, or to ACF.

As of September 1998, a number of jurisdictions have elected not to participate in the Executive Order process. Applicants from these jurisdictions or for projects administered by federally recognized Indian Tribes need take no action in regard to E.O. 12372. A list of these non-participating jurisdictions can be found in the Application Kit for the CSBG/ Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program.

Although the non-participating jurisdictions no longer participate in the process, entities which have met the eligibility requirements of the program are still eligible to apply for a grant even if a State, Territory, Commonwealth, etc. does not have a SPOC. All remaining jurisdictions participate in the Executive Order process and have established SPOCs. Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive instructions.

Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. The applicant must submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date

of this submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a. Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule. When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management/OCSE, 4th Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, DC 20447.

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Donald Sykes,

Director, Office of Community Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N-1174]

Dietary Supplements; Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Strategy; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public meeting to solicit comments that will assist the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) to develop an overall strategy for achieving effective regulation of dietary supplements under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA). This meeting is intended to give the public an opportunity to comment on the development of the strategy.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 8, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Submit written comments by May 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Cohen Bldg., auditorium, 330 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Kulakow, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-165), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW.