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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than May 28, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**  
(Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

*1. Willson Management and Development Partnership, L.P., Athens, Tennessee; to acquire voting shares of Citizens National Bancorp, Athens, Tennessee, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens National Bank, Athens, Tennessee.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 10, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99075]

### Cooperative Agreement for a Laboratory Medicine Sentinel Monitoring Network; Notice of Availability of Funds

#### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement for a Laboratory Medicine Sentinel Monitoring Network. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Surveillance and Data Systems. The purposes of the program are to develop data collection networks and provide information about the practice of laboratory medicine in hospitals, physician offices, and independent laboratories.

#### B. Eligible Applicants

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 consultation with States, assistance may be provided to political subdivisions of States. We are limiting eligibility to State health departments because:

1. They are uniquely qualified due to the role they play in coordinating CLIA-associated activities within the states;
2. They possess the experience with laboratory issues that can facilitate the recruitment of network members; and
3. To provide assistance to these organizations and to implement long term laboratory medicine monitoring programs.

#### C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$300,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund three awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$100,000, ranging from \$80,000 to \$120,000. It is expected that the awards 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. Funding Preferences

Preference may be given to State health departments with existing laboratory networks (data collection networks comprised of clinical laboratories which periodically monitor and report on issues related to the delivery of clinical laboratory medicine and quality assurance programs associated with them). Additional preference may be given to achieve an even geographic distribution of sites or to a site that primarily includes a rural population.

#### E. 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 those activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities).

##### 1. Recipient Activities

a. Solicit laboratories to voluntarily participate in the Monitoring Networks so that representatives of each laboratory type (hospital, physician office, and independent) and complexity level (waived, PPM, moderate and high) can participate in the total network.

b. Provide leadership in the design and evaluation of questionnaires for periodic reporting of laboratory operational characteristics and problems (especially those that impact patient care, including QC and QA practices, and the methods that are used by the network participants during the period of the study).

c. Provide leadership in collecting and sharing raw data within the network.

d. Periodically send the developed questionnaires to network participants for them to gather and submit the response data back, and enter, analyze, and summarize the data for the participants in a statistically valid manner.

e. Distribute reports to network members for self-evaluation and improvement. Make information available to other laboratories in the region.

f. Prepare manuscripts for peer-review publications.

##### 2. CDC Activities

a. Collaborate in identifying those areas of laboratory medicine that have public health concerns.

b. Provide technical assistance with questionnaire development, data gathering devices, statistical analysis, and writing summaries of the results.

c. Collaborate in the development of a defined data set standard for transmission of raw data.

#### F. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, 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 20 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and with type no smaller than 12 point CPI, on 8.5" x 11" paper.

#### G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are in the application kit.

On or before July 12, 1999, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

##### 1. 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 the independent review group. (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.)

##### 2. 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.

#### H. Evaluation Criteria

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

##### 1. Goals and Objectives (20 Points)

a. The extent to which the applicant describes its understanding of the objectives of the proposed cooperative agreement, the relevance of its proposal to the stated objectives, and any unique

characteristics of populations to be studied.

b. The extent to which the applicants goals and objectives are time-phased, measurable, specific, and achievable.

##### 2. Project Management and Staffing (30 Points)

a. The extent to which the applicant describes its ability to provide staff, knowledge, and other resources required to perform the responsibilities in this project.

b. The extent to which the applicant describes its qualifications and time allocations of key personnel to be assigned to this project and the facilities and equipment, and other resources available for performance of this project.

##### 3. Plan of Operation (30 Points)

a. The extent to which the applicant describes the methods to be used in carrying out the responsibilities of this project, including the ability to provide the representative participants in the laboratory group or groups they will monitor.

b. The extent to which the applicant describes the steps to be taken in the planning and implementation of this project.

##### 4. Evaluation Plan (20 Points)

The extent to which the applicant describes its schedule for accomplishing the activities to be carried out in this project and methods for evaluating the accomplishments.

##### 5. Proposed Budget (Not Scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of funds.

#### I. Other Requirements

##### Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with the original plus two copies of

1. Progress reports (semiannual);
2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. Final financial 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 Addendum 1.

AR-7 Executive Order 12372 Review

AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirement

AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2000

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

#### J. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 317(k)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. section 247b(k)(3)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

#### K. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and all other CDC Announcements may be found and downloaded from the CDC homepage. Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov> (click on funding).

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.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Ricky Willis, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99075, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2719, E-mail address: [rqw0@cdc.gov](mailto:rqw0@cdc.gov).

For program technical assistance contact: Marianne K. Simon, Health Scientist, Division of Laboratory Systems, Public Health Practice Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop G-23, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-8125, E-mail address: [mks2@cdc.gov](mailto:mks2@cdc.gov).

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**John L. Williams,**

*Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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