

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 5, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 25, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Wells Fargo & Company*, San Francisco, California, Norwest Mortgage, Inc., and Norwest Ventures, LLC, both of Des Moines, Iowa; to engage *de novo* in a joint venture through its subsidiary, South County Mortgage, Mission Viejo, California, in residential mortgage lending, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-143]

Availability of Draft Toxicological Profile

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Section 104(i)(3) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] directs the Administrator of ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances and to revise and publish each updated toxicological profile as necessary. This notice announces the availability of the draft toxicological profile for polychlorinated biphenyls, prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments on this draft toxicological profile must be received on or before April 26, 1999. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft toxicological profile should be sent to the attention of Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Comments regarding the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Dr. Ganga Choudhary, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Requests for the draft toxicological profile must be in writing, and must specifically identify the hazardous substance(s) profile(s) that you wish to receive. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy of each profile requested, free of charge. In case of extended distribution delays, requestors will be notified.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft toxicological profiles should bear the docket control number ATSDR-

143. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to Dr. Ganga Choudhary at the above stated address by the end of the comment period. Because all public comments regarding ATSDR toxicological profiles are available for public inspection, no confidential business information should be submitted in response to this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Loretta Norman, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-6322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (Pub. L. 99-499) amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) by establishing certain responsibilities for the ATSDR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances which are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Among these responsibilities is that the Administrator of ATSDR prepare toxicological profiles for substances included on the priority lists of hazardous substances. These lists identified 275 hazardous substances that ATSDR and EPA determined pose the most significant potential threat to human health. The availability of the revised priority list of 275 hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 1997 (62 FR 61332). For prior versions of the list of substances see **Federal Register** notices dated April 17, 1987 (52 FR 12866); October 20, 1988 (53 FR 41280); October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43619); October 17, 1990 (55 FR 42067); October 17, 1991 (56 FR 52166); October 28, 1992 (57 FR 48801); February 28, 1994 (59 FR 9486); and April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18744). [CERCLA also requires ATSDR to assure the initiation of a research program to fill data needs associated with the substances.]

Section 104(i)(3) of CERCLA [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] outlines the content of these profiles. Each profile will include an examination, summary and interpretation of available toxicological information and epidemiologic evaluations. This information and these data are to be used to identify the levels of significant human exposure for the substance and the associated health effects. The profiles must also include a determination of whether adequate information on the health effects of each

substance is available or in the process of development. When adequate information is not available, ATSDR, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), is required to assure the initiation of research to determine these health effects.

Although key studies for each of the substances were considered during the profile development process, this **Federal Register** notice seeks to solicit any additional studies, particularly unpublished data and ongoing studies, which will be evaluated for possible

addition to the profiles now or in the future.

The draft toxicological profile was made available to the public on January 22, 1999.

Document	Hazardous substance	CAS No.
1	POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS	001336-36-3
	AROCLOR 1016	012674-11-2
	AROCLOR 1221	011104-28-2
	AROCLOR 1232	011141-16-5
	AROCLOR 1242	053469-21-9
	AROCLOR 1248	012672-29-6
	AROCLOR 1254	011097-69-1
	AROCLOR 1260	011096-82-5
	AROCLOR 1262	037324-23-5
	AROCLOR 1268	011100-14-4

All profiles issued as "Drafts for Public Comment" represent ATSDR's best efforts to provide important toxicological information on priority hazardous substances. We are seeking public comments and additional information which may be used to supplement these profiles. ATSDR remains committed to providing a public comment period for these documents as a means to best serve public health and our clients.

Dated: February 4, 1999.

Georgi Jones,

*Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs,
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
Registry.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99039]

Community Partners for Healthy Farming Intervention; 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 program for Community Partners for Healthy Farming. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority areas of Community-Based Programs and Occupational Safety and Health. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to utilize the special resources of researchers, workers, farm managers, local agricultural communities, and other stakeholders to

evaluate farm safety and health interventions.

B. Eligible Applicants

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

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$850,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund five to seven awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$145,000, ranging from \$45,000 to \$180,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about August 1, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to four 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.

Funding Preferences

Funding preferences may be given to applications from specific locations to achieve geographic distribution.

D. Cooperative Activities

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient

will be responsible for activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC/NIOSH will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (CDC/NIOSH Activities).

1. Recipient Activities

a. Develop an intervention with a clear prevention effect, evidence of community support, and strategies or adoption by the community, and for sustainability.

b. Develop a research proposal which is predicated upon an active partnership between experienced researchers, communities, agricultural workers, management and other stakeholders in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of intervention known agricultural injuries, illness, or hazards. The evaluation component shall include both process and outcome evaluation. The study population and recruitment procedures should be described. A time line which includes post intervention analyses should be developed.

c. Implement, collect and analyze the evaluation data.

d. Identify and implement measures to maintain and extend the intervention.

2. CDC/NIOSH Activities

a. Provide technical assistance, through site visits and other communication, in all phases of the development, implementation and maintenance of these cooperative agreements.

b. Facilitate communication/coordination between recipients and other groups, organizations and agencies involved in agricultural research and outreach.

c. Assist in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project.