

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the National Association of County and City Health Officials

In anticipation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces its intention to award a cooperative agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to increase access and eliminate disparities in health care for the underserved/uninsured by strengthening the local public health systems and supporting programs that assist local communities.

The purpose of this project is to: (1) Address the health care needs of the underserved and vulnerable populations, the needs of health care providers who serve vulnerable populations, and related public health issues; and (2) assist NACCHO in developing and convening national and regional policy forums and provide educational and resource materials emanating from these forums for county and city policymakers on the above areas.

There is no other ongoing group that can convene the high-ranking decision-makers representing county and city health officials' interests around an issue of importance to HRSA. This group will facilitate communication on current and emerging strategies addressing common priorities, and will enable HRSA to better leverage limited resources by improving planning and program design to complement other public and private sector initiatives serving the needs of the same populations.

Authorizing Legislation

This program is authorized under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 241], as amended.

Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). No other applications are solicited.

The NACCHO is the only nonprofit membership organization serving all of the nearly 3,000 local health departments nationwide—in cities, counties, townships, and districts.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$100,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund this award. It is expected the award will begin on or

after October 1, 2000, and will be for a 12-month budget period with a project period of 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to 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.

Program Requirements

This project will provide an Agency-level cooperative agreement with NACCHO to address cross-cutting publicly-funded public health program integration and health care access issues identified by county and city public health officials. Through this project, NACCHO will provide assistance to HRSA and HRSA grantees, such as states and local governments, health centers, Maternal and Child Health programs, and rural health offices, to evaluate the effectiveness of their programs and initiatives to address the needs of the underserved and targeted populations. It will include activities that are mutually agreed to by HRSA and NACCHO, including addressing HRSA priority issues.

Specifically, HRSA's role in the cooperative agreement will include participating in the planning of the forums conducted during the period of the cooperative agreement, including developing the agendas and identifying participants who should be invited to address issues of importance from the Federal perspective at these forums, providing consultation and technical assistance in planning, operating, and evaluating program activities, facilitating collaboration with NACCHO staff and other county and city health agencies to reach the target population, facilitating efforts in the provision of technical assistance and training to specified individuals and organizations, and maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the applicant concerning program plans, policies, and other issues which may have major implications for any activities undertaken by the applicant under the cooperative agreement.

The recipient shall be responsible for carrying out activities to support the following:

(1) Developing, printing, and distributing articles, reports, or other documents relating to health care access, unmet population needs, provider capacity, the uses of existing data systems within counties and cities to address health care needs of the population, and the complexity of private sector initiatives for use by county and city health officials.

(2) Convening regional or national meetings of county and city health

officials and others, as appropriate, for discussion of public and private sector strategies and best practices in HRSA priority issues to include appropriate topics and audiences to exchange information. Some of these priority issues include: (a) Infrastructure building; (b) capacity to assure provision of essential public health services; (c) providing an opportunity for HRSA stakeholders to comment on HRSA's performance; (d) building upon integrated public health infrastructures which use data to address public health issues of the counties and cities; (e) improving the health status of vulnerable populations; (f) assisting in the development of work force information systems; and (g) advising on the development of a Legislative Handbook on Public Health (review, solicit input from NACCHO members, summarize comments, and work closely with National Conference for State Legislatures' staff as the Handbook is drafted).

(3) Participating in HRSA-sponsored meetings and events, as appropriate.

(4) Coordinating activities with county and city health department contacts, including public health experts, to ensure that NACCHO members are aware of public health programs and activities in their local area.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory

Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on June 14–16, 2000, at the Quality Inn, 1043 Camino del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM.

There will be an optional all day field trip on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, to the Wild Rivers area to look at vegetation and on the ground events. The optional tour will start at the Quality Inn, in Taos, NM, at 8 am and end back in Taos, NM, about 5 pm. Transportation will be provided for RAC members.

The meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2000, starts at 8 a.m. and will end about 5 pm. The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meeting will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting. The meeting on Friday, June 16, 2000, starts at 8 a.m. and will end about 3 pm. The ending time of 3 p.m., for the meeting, may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes an agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on April 26 through 28, 2000, in Lordsburg, NM, a check in from the RAC members (the following are planned presentations that also include discussions) a Standards and Guidelines update presentation, an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken, Threatened and Endangered Species comprehensive approach on border issues, elk management on BLM, Forest Service, and private land, a Vermijo Park wildlife presentation, a Willow Flycatcher presentation, BLM Field Office Managers State of the Field Office presentations with emphasis on wildlife and the Willow Flycatcher, RAC Subcommittee reports from the Urban/Lands Subcommittee, the Oil and Gas Subcommittee, and the Roads and Trails Subcommittee, a public comment period to the RAC, RAC discussions and any RAC recommendations, develop draft agenda items and select a location for the next RAC meeting, and a RAC assessment on the current meeting. The time for the public to address the RAC is on Friday, June 16, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12:00 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. Anyone wishing to address the RAC should be present at the 10:00 starting time. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established

at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its agenda items.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary White, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115, telephone (505) 438–7404.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

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Michelle J. Chavez,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for the Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Ray Plan Amendment Record of Decision and Notice of Decision for the Ray Land Exchange.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is amending the Phoenix and Safford District Resource Management Plans (RMPs) to allow the transfer of certain federal lands and mineral estate in Pinal and Gila counties (Arizona) for privately owned lands in Mohave and Pinal counties. BLM examined the lands and interests described below under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1716) (FLPMA) and through the planning process described in BLM regulations (43 CFR 1600). BLM determined the lands and interests therein as suitable for disposal by land exchange pursuant to Section 206 of FLPMA, as amended. The Record of Decision approving the plan amendment is now available.

Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2000, Jesse Juen, Tucson Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, issued a decision to approve a proposed land exchange with ASARCO, Incorporated, a New York Corporation. This Notice of Decision initiates a 45-day comment period on the decision to approve the land exchange.

Federal lands and mineral estate determined suitable for land exchange (total approximately 10,976 acres) are described as:

Mineral Estate Only

Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona

T.2 S., R.13 E., Section 35 (80 acres)

T.2 S., R.14 E., Section 31 (71 acres)

T.3 S., R.12 E., Section 24 (160 acres)

T.3 S., R.13 E., Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 30 (1337 acres)

T.3 S., R.14 E., Sections 6, 7, 17, 18 (495 acres)

T.6 S., R.4 E., Sections 12, 23, 24 (637 acres)

Comprising approximately 2,780 acres.

Full Fee Estate

Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal and Gila Counties, Arizona

T.2 S., R.13 E., Section 34 (428 acres)

T.3 S., R.12 E., Sections 25, 26 (1,120 acres)

T.3 S., R.13 E., Sections 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35 (3,121 acres)

T.3 S., R.14 E., Sections 7, 18, 19, 20, 33, 34 (1,253 acres)

T.4 S., R.14 E., Sections 3, 4, 5, 8 (1,442 acres)

T.4 S., R.15 E., Sections 22, 27 (272 acres)

T.5 S., R.13 E., Sections 11, 28 (560 acres)

Comprising approximately 8,196 acres.

Non-federal lands (private land now owned by Asarco Incorporated) to be acquired (total approximately 7,300 acres) described as:

Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

Knisley Ranch, T.25 N., R.18 W., Sections 4, 17, 20 (160 acres)

McCracken Mtn.

T.14 N., R.14 W., Sections 19, 31 (1,266 acres)

T.14 N., R.15 W., Sections 3, 9, 11, 15, 23, 25, 27, 35 (5,118 acres)

Sacramento Valley, T.19 N., R.19 W., Section 23 (120 acres)

Tomlin Parcels, T.15 N., R.13 W., Sections 19, 35 (313 acres)

Comprising approximately 6,980 acres.

Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona

Gila River/Cochran, T.4 S., R.12 E., Sections 6, 7 (320 acres)

Comprising approximately 320 acres.

The purpose of the Ray Land Exchange is to acquire the non-federal land parcels which have high public values for: wilderness inholdings in the Mt. Tipton Wilderness and parcels