

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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 August 16, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414.

1. *National Australia Bank Limited*, Melbourne, Australia; to acquire indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiary, 02-E Limited, a 60 percent interest in *Thinorswim.com*, Melbourne, Australia, a newly formed limited liability company and thereby engage *de novo* in providing brokerage services over the internet, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Franklin Bancorp, Inc.*, d/b/a Sunrise Community Banks, St. Paul, Minnesota; to engage *de novo* in employee benefits consulting services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y and data processing, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 27, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality****Contract Review Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to provide review of contract proposals and recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, regarding the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "General Research and Support Services". The RFP was published in the Commerce Business Daily on May 17, 2000.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR section 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-referenced RFP are likely to reveal proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—General Research and Support Services".

Date: August 16 & 17, 2000 (Closed to the public).

Place: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor Conference Center, Room B, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Tina Woodward, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Management, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 601,

Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-0342.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the August 16-17 meeting due to the time constraints of reviews and funding cycles.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 00144]

Environmental Signals and Sensors: A Virtual Center for Disease Prevention in Humans and Ecosystems; Notice of Availability of Funds**A. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2000 funds for a grant program to study the underlying biochemical and genetic mechanisms by which environmental chemicals affect human health and signal the onset of disease.

B. Eligible Applicant*Single Source*

Assistance will be provided only to the University of Mississippi Medical Center. No other applications are solicited.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) is the most appropriate organization to conduct the work under this grant program for the following reasons:

1. The University of Mississippi and Tulane University have established a center for environmental medicine and toxicology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. [The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, (Public Law 106-113) provided financial support which "shall be for the Center for Environmental Medicine and Toxicology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at Jackson."]

2. The UMMC has taken a leadership role in forming a consortium with the University of Mississippi at Oxford and the Center for Bioenvironmental Research (CBR) at Tulane and Xavier Universities to assemble scientific teams to address environmental issues. Active collaborations between investigators at the participating institutions are in place to perform the required activities

of this program. UMMC is strategically located between the Tulane and Xavier Universities, and is the only university which focuses solely on biomedical research in the State of Mississippi. Ten investigators from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, six from the University of Mississippi at Oxford and seventeen from the Center for Bioenvironmental Research form the core of the consortium. Four clusters of investigators have been assembled to work jointly on important subsets of environmental research. Each cluster is co-chaired by investigators from two of the four participating institutions.

3. UMMC has formed a consortium with two other universities to conduct environmental research. Thus, UMMC may readily disseminate health and environmental data between participating partners which will be essential to completion of this project.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$2,634,547 is available in FY 2000 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 2000, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: William Paradies, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 3000, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146. Telephone number: (770) 488-2721; E-mail address: WEP2@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Lawrence E. Posey, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-19, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone number: (404) 639-7274; E-mail address: LEP1@cdc.gov.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

John L. Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 00129]

Outcome Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs Implemented by Community-Based Organizations; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces a program for competitive fiscal year (FY) 2000 cooperative agreement applications to conduct outcome evaluations of individual-level Health Education and Risk Reduction (HE/RR) HIV prevention interventions implemented by community-based organizations (CBOs). This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) of Educational and Community-Based Programs, HIV, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Although CDC has supported the development and implementation of community-based HIV prevention programs aiming to reduce sex-related and drug-related risk behaviors, to date these locally implemented community-based and community-developed interventions have not been rigorously assessed. Assessing the effectiveness of these HE/RR interventions is important for improving our understanding of the behavioral impact of these programs, providing useful information for CBO program planners and implementers, and improving future HIV prevention efforts.

The goals of this program announcement are to support evaluations that assess the effectiveness of locally implemented HIV prevention interventions and to provide evaluation resources to CBOs that might not otherwise have the resources or capacity to conduct an outcome evaluation. These funds are intended to support the evaluation, not the intervention. This evaluation will use methods common to rigorous outcome evaluation research (e.g. comparison groups, individual baseline data, cross-sectional surveys, and the ability to track clients over time). In addition, efforts will be made to use methods and designs that integrate both qualitative and quantitative data collection.

B. Eligible Applicants

Limited Competition

Applications may be submitted by community-based organizations who are currently receiving funds to implement

individual-level HIV prevention HE/RR interventions. Specifically, these will include those recipients funded under the following program announcements: 00023—Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations, 99091—Community-Based HIV Prevention Services and Capacity-Building Assistance to Organizations Serving Gay Men of Color at Risk for HIV Infection, 99092—Community Based Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for African Americans, and 99096—Cooperative Agreements for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Projects for African American Faith-based 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 \$300,000 is available in FY 2000 to fund approximately three awards. It is anticipated that the average award will be \$100,000, ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 30, 2000 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, collaborative activities, site visits, goals set forth, and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

Funds are intended solely to implement the evaluation and not to support the intervention itself. Allocate up to \$5000 to ensure your technological capability to conduct evaluation activities.

Funding Preference

In making awards, preference for funding will be given to applicants who target high-risk populations as identified by their local community planning groups (e.g. men who have sex with men, persons of color and other racial or ethnic populations, youth in high risk situations).

D. Program Requirements

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