

All employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from January 1, 1949 through December 31, 1962, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation became effective on September 9, 2011, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on September 9, 2011, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

**John Howard,**

*Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts**

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities" unless the Secretary waives interest in whole or part, or a different rate is prescribed by statute, contract, or repayment agreement. The Secretary of the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the **Federal Register**.

The current rate of 11½%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended June 30, 2011. This interest rate is effective until the Secretary of the Treasury notifies the Department of Health and Human Services of any change.

Dated: September 7, 2011.

**Molly P. Dawson,**

*Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[CDC-RFA-TP10-1001]

**Notice of Intent To Award Affordable Care Act (ACA) Funding**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Overview Information**

Notice of Intent to Award Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding to 7 Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC). This award was proposed in the grantees' Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 non-Competing Continuation applications under Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-TP10-1001, "Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC)."

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides public announcement of CDC's intent to award Affordable Care Act (ACA) appropriations to the following 7 grantees: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health, College Station, TX; University at Albany SUNY School of Public Health, Albany, NY; University of Oklahoma College of Public Health, Oklahoma City, OK; University of South Florida College of Public Health, Tampa, FL.

The purpose of the PERLC program is to develop, deliver, and evaluate core competency-based training and education that target the public health workforce, address the public health preparedness and response needs of state, local, and tribal public health authorities and emphasize essential public health security strategies.

These activities are proposed by the above mentioned grantees in their FY

2011 application submitted under Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-TP10-1001, "Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC)," Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 93.069.

Approximately \$5,000,000 in ACA funding will be awarded to the grantee for sustaining approved program activities. Funding is appropriated under the Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u-11) (Prevention and Public Health Fund).

Accordingly, CDC adds the following information to the previously published Funding Opportunity Announcement of CDC-RFA-TP10-1001:

**Authority:** Sections 311 and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U. S. C. Section 243 and 247b(k)(2)] as amended, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u-11). CFDA #: 93.606 (Affordable Care Act—Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers).

**Award Information**

*Type of Award:* Non-Competing Continuation Cooperative Agreement.  
*Approximate Total Current Fiscal Year ACA Funding:* \$5,000,000.

*Anticipated Number of Awards:* 7.  
*Fiscal Year Funds:* 2011.

*Anticipated Award Date:* September 30, 2011.

**Application Selection Process**

Funding will be awarded to applicant based on documentation and results from successful past performance review.

**Funding Authority**

CDC will add the ACA Authority to that which is reflected in the published Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-TP10-1001. The revised funding authority language will read:

This program is authorized under the Sections 311 and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U. S. C. 243 and 247b(k)(2)] as amended, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u-11).

**DATES:** The effective date for this action is the date of publication of this Notice and remains in effect until the expiration of the project period of the ACA funded applications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan P. Gioffi, PhD, Associate Director, Learning Office and Program Official for Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC), Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, telephone 404-639-0641. [jcioffi@cdc.gov](mailto:jcioffi@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Public Law 111–148. ACA is designed to improve and expand the scope of health care coverage for Americans. Cost savings through disease prevention is an important element of this legislation and ACA has established a Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) for this purpose. Specifically, the legislation states in Section 4002 that the PPHF is to “provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs.” ACA and the Prevention and Public Health Fund make improving public health a priority with investments to improve public health.

The PPHF states that the Secretary shall transfer amounts in the Fund to accounts within the Department of Health and Human Services to increase funding, over the fiscal year 2008 level, for programs authorized by the Public Health Service Act, for prevention, wellness and public health activities including prevention research and health screenings, such as the Community Transformation Grant Program, the Education and Outreach Campaign for Preventative Benefits, and Immunization Programs.

Therefore, increasing funding available to applicants under this FOA using the PPHF will allow them to sustain their existing to provide for a national investment in prevention and public health programs. Further, The Secretary allocated funds to CDC, pursuant to the PPHF, for the types of activities this FOA is designed to carry out.

Dated: August 16, 2011.

**Tanja Popovic,**

*Deputy Associate Director for Science,  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Notice of Intent To Award Affordable Care Act (ACA) Funding, RFA–TP–08–001

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information

Notice of Intent to award Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding to Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers (PERRCs). This award is proposed for the grantees’ Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 non-competing continuation application under Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA–TP–08–001, “Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers: A Public Health Systems Approach.”

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides public announcement of CDC’s intent to award Affordable Care Act (ACA) appropriations to the following 4 Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center (PERRCs) grantees: the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC; the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN; the University of California in Berkeley; and the University of California in Los Angeles, CA.

The purpose of the PERRC program is to conduct public health systems research to strengthen preparedness and response capabilities at the national, state, local, and tribal levels for preventing morbidity and mortality from threats to the public’s health such as infectious disease outbreaks, and man-made and natural disasters.

These activities are proposed by the above mentioned grantees in their FY 2011 application for continuation submitted under Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA–TP–08–001, “Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers: A Public Health Systems Approach,” Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 93.061 Approximately \$5,000,000 in ACA funding will be awarded to these grantees for sustaining approved program activities. Funding is appropriated under the Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u–11) (Prevention and Public Health Fund).

Accordingly, CDC adds the following information to the previously published Funding Opportunity Announcement of RFA–TP–08–001:

**Authority:** Sections 311 and 317 (k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U. S. C. Section 243 and 247b(k)(2)] as amended, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u–11).

CFDA #: 93.607 (Affordable Care Act—Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers: A Public Health Systems Approach)

#### Award Information

**Type of Award:** Non-Competing Continuation Cooperative Agreement.

**Approximate Total Current Fiscal Year ACA Funding:** \$5,000,000.

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** 4.

**Fiscal Year Funds:** 2011 .

**Anticipated Award Date:** September 30, 2011.

#### Application Selection Process

Funding will be awarded to the applicants based on the following criteria from the funding opportunity announcement:

- Accomplishments reflected in the progress report of the continuation application that indicate that the applicant is meeting previously stated objectives or milestones contained in the project’s annual work plan and satisfactory progress is being demonstrated. The report should contain progress in core activities, including a report on advisory committee meeting(s), activities, *etc.*, and progress in individual research projects.

- Objectives for the new budget period are realistic, specific, and measurable. Methods described will clearly lead to achievement of these objectives. An evaluation plan that will allow management to monitor whether the methods are effective.

- Any impediments to progress are described, *e.g.*, milestones that are deficient or deferred are fully explained, and the corrective action taken to address the impediment is described including specific information on revised dates of completion of the milestones impacted.

A budget request that is clearly explained, adequately justified, reasonable and consistent with the intended use of program project grant funds.

#### Funding Authority

CDC will add the ACA Authority to that which is reflected in the published Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA–TP–08–001. The revised funding authority language will read:

—This program is authorized under the Sections 311 and 317 (k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. Section 243 and 247b(k)(2)] as amended, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Section 4002 (42 U.S.C. 300u–11).

**DATES:** The effective date for this action is the date of publication of this Notice and remains in effect until the expiration of the project period of the ACA funded applications.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mildred Williams-Johnson, PhD., Director, Extramural Research Program Office, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,