

This meeting will be open to the public on June 5 from 9 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. for general remarks by the Director, Intramural Research Program, NEI, on matters concerning the intramural program of the NEI. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public on June 5 from approximately 4 p.m. until recess and on June 6 from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual projects conducted by the Ophthalmic Genetics and Clinical Services Branch. These evaluations and discussions could reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the projects, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Consequently, this meeting is concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Ms. Lois DeNinno, Committee Management Officer, NEI, EPS/350, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 496-5301, will provide a summary of the meeting, roster of committee members, and substantive program information upon request. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. DeNinno in advance of the meeting.

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Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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Office of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1995

AGENCY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for applications for a cooperative agreement to establish a Research Center to plan and conduct a broad program of policy research and training of young scholars to describe and analyze national and state policy

affecting poor families with children. This research and evaluation program will focus on important and emerging social policy issues associated with the nature, causes, correlates, and effects of income dynamics, poverty, family functioning and child well-being.

SUMMARY: The U.S. is experiencing profound social changes relating to the economic security and functioning of families and the well-being of children. The manner by which government reacts to or precipitates these changes also is in flux. In order to inform the public and policy makers about these social trends and their causes, consequences, and cures DHHS is soliciting applications for a cooperative agreement to a university-based institution. ASPE expects to fund this Research Center for a period of five years. The first year funding is at least \$1,500,000. We expect a total funding of approximately \$7.5 to \$8.0 million over the five year funding period. (See Part I, Available Funds)

Cooperative Agreements are assistance mechanisms and subject to the same administrative requirements as grants; however, they are different from either a grant or a contract. Compared to a grant, they allow more involvement and collaboration by the government in the affairs of project, but provide less direction of project activities than a contract. The Terms of Award are in addition to not in lieu of otherwise applicable guidelines and procedures.

DATES: The closing date for submitting applications under this announcement is September 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send application to Grants Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, DC 20201. Attention: Albert A. Cutino, Grants Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Application Instructions and Forms should be requested from and submitted to: Grants Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, ASPE/IO, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, DC 20201, Telephone: (202) 690-8794. Requests for forms and questions (administrative and technical) will be accepted and responded to up to 30 days prior to closing date of receipt of Applications. Technical questions should be directed to Don Oellerich or Matt Stagner, DHHS, Office of Human Services Policy, Telephone: (202) 690-5877 or 690-5653. Questions also may

be faxed to (202) 690-5672. Written technical questions should be addressed to Drs. Oellerich or Stagner at the above address. (Application submissions may not be faxed.)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: The Department seeks applications from universities or other post-secondary degree granting entities. (For-profit organizations are advised that no cooperative agreement funds may be paid as profit to any recipient of a grant or subgrant.) Profit is any amount in excess of allowable direct and indirect costs of the grantee.

Part I—Supplementary Information

Legislative Authority

This cooperative agreement is authorized by Section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310) and awards will be made from funds appropriated under Public Law 103-112 (DHHS Appropriation Act for FY 1996).

Project History and Purpose

This award (cooperative agreement) replaces the current grant with the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) at the University of Wisconsin. (A brief description of the current Institute and its activities is attached to the Application Package.) Although the winning applicant will be expected to carry out IRP's strong scholarly traditions and concern for poverty, there are no specific projects that must be continued under this award.

Available Funds

1. The Assistant Secretary has available \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 for the first year of a five-year award of a grant pursuant to this announcement.

2. Applications are to include separate estimates for each of the five years, if they expect funding levels to be substantially different in subsequent years.

3. The amount of funds available for the grant in future years has not been established. Legislative support for continued funding of the Center cannot be guaranteed and funding is subject to future appropriations and approval of the Assistant Secretary. ASPE expects, however, that the Center will be supported during future fiscal years at an annual level of effort commensurate with the initial period.

Although a single award is anticipated, nothing in this announcement restricts the ability of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation to make more than one award or to make a scaled-down award.

Period of Performance.

The award pursuant to this announcement will be made on or about December 15, 1995.

Part II—Establishment of a Research Center—Responsibilities of the Awardee and the Federal Government

Awardee Responsibilities

The successful applicant shall develop and conduct a program which appropriately balances research, mentoring young scholars, and dissemination activities directed to understanding the economic security of families and the well-being of children. The program is to focus on tracking and analyzing changes in State and national policies and their influences on child and family outcomes. Specifically, ASPE has identified four priority areas the applicant should address, at a minimum:

A. Strategies to encourage work, self-reliance, parent responsibility, community, and child well-being.

B. The changing labor market and its influence on low income families with children.

C. Non-marital child-bearing and teenage pregnancy.

D. State initiatives to reduce welfare dependency, provide employment and training, make work pay, reduce teenage pregnancy, improve child services, and increase family functioning.

While these are ASPE priorities, applications also may address other important aspects of poverty, for example: the implications of health and disability status for poverty policy; concerns for the well-being of individual adults in poverty, and the interaction between income security programs, like welfare, and service programs such as child care, child development, child welfare services and education.

The overall program will develop and disseminate knowledge about these and related issues. Activities will include tracking, evaluating, and analyzing state and local government initiatives to reduce poverty, encourage economic mobility, and alleviate the ill-effects of low income and inappropriate family functioning. Activities also should examine alternative public and private approaches.

The awardee will perform the following tasks:

1. *Research Program.* The Center will be expected to plan, initiate and maintain a research program of high caliber. It must meet the tests of social science rigor and objectivity. The program will strive for respect from the academic and policy communities (over

a broad range of the political spectrum) for its scientific quality, fairness, and policy relevance. This program should include an appropriately balanced agenda of quantitative and qualitative field work, and primary and secondary analyses.

The research program should include supporting the work of members of the Center staff and other affiliated researchers. In addition, it should provide intellectual leadership in the national research community by establishing links with a broad range of other scholars, through visiting and post-doctoral appointments, research assistantships, and a limited program of nonresident grants, for example.

ASPE anticipates working very closely with the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to coordinate and possibly fund joint activities also studying children, families, and poverty. The research center funded under this announcement will be expected to participate with other ASPE-NICHD child and family poverty activities; for example, collaborative projects with the existing Family and Child Well-Being Research Network or Population Research Centers. This collaboration is expected to enhance the research in this field extending its breadth, depth, and variety.

The research program should include multi-disciplinary approaches to increase the understanding of the issues beyond what is possible from analysis within the framework of a single discipline. At a minimum, the staff should include competency in economics, sociology, public policy/administration, and other related disciplines.

Furthermore, it also is appropriate, for example, to engage in activities to make advances in research techniques, where they are needed for or related to primary objectives of the Center.

Planning and execution of the research program shall always consider the policy implications of research findings. The Center should link research to public and private efforts to improve the lives of low income families. The research and dissemination will be non-partisan and of value to all levels of policy making—Federal, State, and local government—and the general research community.

A national advisory committee (discussed below) shall periodically review the research agenda to assure its policy relevance, utility, and scope.

2. *Mentoring Young Scholars.* The Center is expected to develop and expand a diverse corps of young scholars/researchers who focus their

analytical skills on research and policy issues central to its mission. To assure the quality of its research, dissemination, and training program, and to assure a careful examination of the output of the Center within the academic community, the Center must establish and maintain a formal tie with a university, including links with all appropriate departments within that university. The Center must have a major presence at a single site (university or city); however, innovative arrangements among universities and with individual scholars at other universities are encouraged and also may be proposed. The Center will be expected to financially support the work of graduate research assistants, PhD candidates, Post-Docs, and other research scholars. The application should anticipate that several of the scholars may spend time in residence in Washington, D.C.

3. *Dissemination.* Making knowledge and information available to the academic and policy communities is to be another integral feature of the Center's responsibilities. It will be expected to maintain a dissemination system of periodic newsletters, research papers, and occasional books intended both for the research and policy communities. In addition, the Center will be expected to organize workshops, lectures, seminars, and other ways of sharing current research activities and findings. Applicants are encouraged to propose use of innovative methods of disseminating data and information, such as Internet. Applications should show a sensitivity to the different dissemination strategies which may be appropriate for different audiences—such as policy makers, practitioners, and academics.

Cooperative Agreement Responsibilities

Center Responsibilities: The awardee has the primary and lead responsibility to define objectives and approaches, and to plan research, conduct studies, analyze data, and publish results, interpretations, and conclusions of its work.

Occasionally, Center staff will be expected to comment on research plans, provide critical commentary on research products, perform statistical policy analyses, and other quick-response activities to support ASPE's research, evaluation, and policy analysis function. (Without compromising academic freedom, Center staff will be expected to comply with special requests for administrative confidentiality in specific sensitive situations.)

HHS will not interfere with nor infringe upon the academic freedom associated with the university setting. The awardee will retain custody of and have primary rights to the data developed under this award, subject to Government rights to access consistent with current HHS and ASPE regulations. The awardee shall make reasonable efforts, however, to provide other researchers appropriate and speedy access to research data from this project and establish public use files of research data developed under this award.

The ASPE Poverty Research Center will be expected to participate in various research and dissemination activities associated with the ASPE and NICHD. For planning purposes, applicants for this award should anticipate expenses to no more than \$50,000 annually. Such expenses, for example, might cover commissioning papers or travel to meetings and conferences.

ASPE Responsibilities: ASPE will be involved with the Center in jointly establishing broad research priorities and planning strategies to accomplish the objectives of this announcement. ASPE, or its representatives, will provide the following types of support to the Center:

1. Consultation and technical assistance in planning, operating, and evaluating the Center's program activities.
2. Information about HHS programs, policies, and research priorities.
3. Assistance in collaborating with appropriate State and local governmental officials in the performance of program activities.
4. Assistance in identifying HHS information and technical assistance resources pertinent to the Center's success.
5. Assistance in the transfer of information to appropriate Federal, state, and local entities.
6. Review of Center activities and collegial feedback to ensure that objectives and award conditions are being met. ASPE retains the right, however, to withhold annual renewals to the awardee, if technical performance requirements are not met.

Joint: The awardee and ASPE will appoint an outside advisory committee, funded under this agreement, composed of approximately ten to twelve nationally recognized scholars and practitioners. This committee will be selected to provide assistance in formulating the research agenda and advice on carrying it out. Efforts will be made in selecting this committee to assure a broad range of academic

disciplines and political viewpoints. (For example, the current National Advisory Committee is composed of 12 individuals of national reputation. ASPE and the current Institute for Research on Poverty each appoint six members.) This committee will meet once or twice a year rotating between Washington, D.C. and the Center location.

Arbitration Procedures: Both parties are expected to work in a collegial fashion to minimize misunderstandings and disagreements. They should explore every alternative to prevent impasses, including consultation with the National Advisory Committee, but on the rare occasion when agreement between the awardee and ASPE staff cannot be reached on significant programmatic or scientific-technical issues that might arise after the award, an arbitration panel shall be formed. The panel will consist of one person appointed by the awardee, one person appointed by the ASPE, and a third person appointed by these two members. The decision of the arbitration panel, by majority vote will be binding. These special arbitration procedures in no way affect the awardee's right to appeal an adverse action in accordance with HHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 16.

Part III—Application Preparation and Evaluation Criteria

This part contains information on the preparation of an application for submission under this announcement, the forms necessary for submission and the evaluation criteria under which the applications will be reviewed. Potential applicants should read this part carefully in conjunction with the information provided in Part II.

In general, ASPE seeks organizations with demonstrated capacity for providing quality policy research, training of young scholars, and working with state and local governments. Applicants for funding should reflect, in the program narrative section of the application, how they will be able to fulfill the responsibilities and requirements described in the announcement. The application should specify in detail how administrative arrangements will be made to minimize start-up and transition delays. Applications which do not address all three major tasks discussed in Awardee Responsibilities in Part II will not be considered for award.

The applicant must have experience and a demonstrated capacity to work with governmental agencies—Federal, state, or local.

It is anticipated that the applicant will have additional funding and

arrangements with other organizations and institutions. The applicant shall make all current and anticipated related funding arrangements explicit in the application.

Content and Organization of Technical Application (see "Components of a complete Application").

The application must begin with the required application forms and a three to five page overview and summary of the application. Staff resumes should be included in a separate appendix. The central core of the application must contain five sections, presented in the following order:

(1) A brief *analysis* of the key trends in individual and family economic security, the prevalence of poverty, family functioning, child well-being, and other primary research themes of the proposed Center. It should then examine the nature, causes, and correlates of one or two of the trends. The analysis should discuss concisely, but comprehensively, important priority research issues and demonstrate the applicant's grasp of the policy and research significance of recent and future social trends. The discussion should emphasize (but not necessarily be limited to) the past twenty years and the remainder of the decade. Examples of the kinds of issues that might be discussed include the effects of social and demographic trends (for example, changes in fertility, marital stability, welfare dependency, migration, and special problems facing children), economic trends (the effects of inflation, changing rates of economic growth, shifts in the location and types of jobs available, skills mismatches between labor supply and demand, the growth of fringe benefits as part of total compensation, economic stabilization policies, etc.) and government programs and policies (e.g., current welfare reform initiatives, employment and training programs, teenage pregnancy prevention projects, and the demand for new or revised programs.)

(2) A *prospectus* for a five year research agenda, outlining the major research themes to be investigated over the next five years. In particular, the prospectus will describe the activities planned for each of the research priority issues outlined in Part II, *Awardee Responsibilities* and other additional priority research topics proposed by the applicant. The prospectus should discuss the kind of research activities that are needed to anticipate future policy debates on important social issues—poverty and child well-being, in particular—and the role of the proposed Research Center in promoting those

activities. The prospectus should follow from the historical analysis section. It may, of course, also discuss research areas and issues that were not mentioned in that analysis if the author or authors of the application feel there have been gaps in past research, or that new factors have begun to affect or soon will begin to affect national social policy.

The prospectus shall include detailed descriptions of individual research projects that will be expected in the Center's first year of operation. It also should be specific about long-term research themes and projects. The lines of research described in the prospectus should be concrete enough that project descriptions in subsequent research plan amendments can be viewed as articulating a research theme discussed in the prospectus. An application that simply contains an *ad hoc* categorization of an unstructured set of research projects—as opposed to a set of projects which strike a coherent theme—will be judged unfavorably.

Note: Once a successful applicant has been selected and the national Advisory Committee appointed, they and ASPE will review the research agenda and determine research priorities. The Center will submit to ASPE a revised research plan that summarizes the deliberations and priorities. The research plan will be periodically awarded and revised as necessary. (The awardee is not expected to participate in joint ASPE-NICHD activities before the spring or summer of 1996.) The application should discuss a proposed research planning process, including involvement of the national advisory committee and other advisors, and participation in the consortium.

The application will be judged on breadth and depth of the applicant's commitment to research of priority research areas, noted above. Evaluation scores also may be enhanced by applicants additions to this research priority list which help flesh out other links between other factors and poverty, family functioning, and child well-being. The entire prospectus will be judged on the likelihood of producing seminal research in the areas of highest priority. In addition, it will be judged on its relevance to government activities to reduce poverty and promote child well-being. Scoring also will consider whether there is a balance between data gathering and data analyses, between quantitative and qualitative research, and among research, dissemination and training of scholars.

This section should also discuss efforts which will assure a smooth transition between the current IRP grant and this project.

(3) A *staffing and organizational proposal* for the Research Center, including an analysis of the types of background needed among staff members, the Center's organizational structure, and linkages with the host university and other organizations. It is in this third section that the application should specify how it will assure a genuinely interdisciplinary approach to research, and where appropriate, the necessary links to university departments, other organizations and scholars engaged in research, and government policy making.

The applicant shall identify the director (or principal investigator) and key senior research staff. Full resumes of proposed staff members shall be included as a separate appendix to the application. The time commitment to the Center and other commitments for each proposed staff member shall be indicated. The kinds of administrative and tenure arrangements, if any, the Center proposes to make should also be discussed in this section. In addition, the author(s) of the application and the role which he or she (they) will play in the proposed Poverty Research Center must be specified.

This section shall discuss the financial arrangements for supporting research assistants, post-docs, affiliates, resident scholars, etc. The discussion should include the expected number and types of young scholars to be supported and the level of support anticipated.

If the application envisions an arrangement of several universities or institutions, this section will describe the specifics about the relationships, including leadership, management, and administration. It should pay particular attention to discussing how a focal point for research, teaching, and scholarship will be maintained given the arrangement proposed.

The application also should discuss the role, selection procedure, and expected contribution of the national advisory committee.

(4) The application will include an organizational summary of past work at the university or institution proposed as the location (or lead) of the Research Center that relates directly or indirectly to the research priorities of this request. This discussion should include more than a listing of the individual projects completed by the individuals who are included in the application. It should provide a sense of institutional commitment to policy research and resolution of the problems facing the nation's families and public institutions. Where specific individuals are proposed for the staff of the Center, it is legitimate

to discuss their past research, whether or not it took place at the institution proposed to be the location of the new Research Center or the host university. The application must list in an appendix appropriate recent or current research projects, with a brief research summary, contact person references, and address and telephone number of reference.

This section also should include a discussion of the research staff experience working with government agencies and demonstrate a capacity to provide policy relevant support to these agencies.

(5) A budget summary narrative which links the research, training, and dissemination program to the Center funding level. This section should discuss how the five-year budget supports proposed research, training, and dissemination activities and should link the first year funding to a five year plan. The discussion should include the appropriateness of the level and distribution of funds to the successful completion of the research, training, and dissemination plans. Also, the limited amount of funds available for this award may indicate the desirability of using these funds as partial, core support for the proposed Center and applicant having or seeking additional support from other sources.

The availability, potential availability or hope for other funds (from the host university, other universities, foundations, states, other Federal agencies, etc.) and the uses to which they would be put, should be documented in this section. Applications which show funding from other sources that supplement funds from this grant will be given higher marks than if they have no extra financial support.

Review Process and Funding Information. A panel of at least three independent experts will review and score all applications that are submitted by the deadline date and which meet the screening criteria (all information and documents as required by this Announcement.) The panel will review the applications using the evaluation criteria listed below to score each application. These review results will be the primary element used by the ASPE in making funding decisions.

HHS reserves the option to discuss applications with other Federal or State staff, specialists, experts, and the general public. Comments from these sources, along with those of the reviewers, will be kept from inappropriate disclosure and may be considered in making an award decision.

State Single Point of Contact (E.O. No. 12372). The Department of Health and Human Services has determined that this program is not subject to Executive Order No. 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, because it is a program that is national in scope and the only impact on State and local governments would be through subgrants. Applicants are not required to seek intergovernmental review of their applications within the constraints of E.O. No. 12372.

Deadline for Submission of Applications. The closing date for submission of applications under this announcement is September 14, 1995. Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the application receipt point no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 14, 1995.

Hand-delivered applications will be accepted Monday through Friday prior to and on September 14, 1995 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Hubert H. Humphrey building located at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., in Washington, DC. When hand-delivering an application, call 690-8794 from the lobby for pick-up. A staff person will be available to receive applications.

An application will be considered as meeting the deadline if it is either: (1) Received at, or hand-delivered to, the mailing address on or before September 14, 1995, or (2) postmarked before midnight of the deadline date September 14, 1995 and received in time to be considered during the competitive review process (within two weeks of the deadline date).

When mailing application packages, applicants are strongly advised to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier (such as UPS, Federal Express, etc.), or from the U.S. Postal Service as proof of mailing by the deadline date. If there is a question as to when an application was mailed, applicants will be asked to provide proof of mailing by the deadline date. When proof is not provided, an application will not be considered for funding. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications which do not meet the September 14, 1995 deadline are considered late applications and will not be considered or reviewed in the current competition. HHS will send a letter to this effect to each late applicant.

HHS reserves the right to extend the deadline for all applications due to acts of God, such as floods, hurricanes or earthquakes; due to acts of war; if there is widespread disruption of the mail; or

if HHS determines a deadline extension to be in the best interest of the Government. However, HHS will not waive or extend the deadline for any applicant unless the deadline is waived or extended for all applicants.

Applications Forms. See section entitled "Components of a Complete Application." All of these documents must accompany the application package.

Length of Application. Applications should be brief and concise as possible, but assure successful communication of the applicant's proposal to the reviewers. In no case shall an application (excluding the resume appendix and other appropriate attachments) be longer than 150 double-spaced pages; it should neither be unduly elaborate nor contain voluminous supporting documentation.

Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria. The evaluation criteria correspond to the outline for the development of the Program Narrative Statement of the application. Although not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that applications be prepared with the format indicated by this outline.

Selection of the successful applicant(s) will be based on the technical and financial criteria laid out in this announcement. Reviewers will determine the strengths and weaknesses of each application in terms of the evaluation criteria listed below, provide comments and assign numerical scores—out of a possible 100 points. The review panel will prepare a summary of all applicant scores and strengths/weaknesses and recommendations and submit it to the ASPE for final decisions on the award.

The point value following each criterion heading indicates the maximum numerical relative weight that each section will be given in the review process. An unacceptable rating on any individual criterion may render the application unacceptable. Consequently, applicants should take care to ensure that all criteria are fully addressed in the applications. Applications will be reviewed as follows:

(a) Quality of the historical analysis. [See Part II, Type of Application Requested, Section 1.] (15 points) Applications will be judged on whether they provide a thoughtful and coherent discussion of economic, social, and demographic trends influencing the family and children. Reviewers will judge applicant's ability to discuss the past, present, and future role of government programs and policies which affect these trends. Applicants

should tie the trends and influences discussed to their proposed research agenda.

(b) Quality of the research prospectus. [See Part II, Section 2.] (25 points) Reviewers will judge this section on the basis of whether the research agenda is scientifically sound and policy relevant. They also will consider whether the applicant is likely to make significant/seminal contributions to understanding poverty, families, child outcomes, and what governments can do to make the lives of single adults, children and families more secure, healthier, and open to opportunity. Although the discussion and research proposed must address the major themes of this announcement (low-skills labor market, out-of-wedlock childbearing, strategies to strengthen families and encourage independence, and evaluating state initiatives), applications with additional insightful research proposals also will score higher. Concise plans for research projects in the near term (one or two years) as well as a five-year agenda are important. We will rate applications on their plans to conduct policy relevant research and interact with various levels of government to research and evaluate significant government initiatives and policies. In addition, applicants will be judged on their dissemination plans—including convening conferences and workshops and communicating with a broad audience of academics, policymakers, and practitioners.

(c) Quality of the staffing proposal and proposed organizational arrangements. [See Part II, Sections 3. and 4.] (30 points) Reviewers will judge applicant's director/principal investigator and staff on research experience, demonstrated research skills, administrative skills, public administration experience, and relevant policymaking skills. Ratings may consider references on prior research projects. Director and staff time commitments to the Center also will be a factor in the evaluation. Whether the applicant can maintain a single location for research, teaching, and scholarship is an important consideration. Furthermore, reviewers will rate the applicant's pledge and ability to work in collaboration with other scholars in search of similar goals. Applicants will be judged on the nature and extent of the organizational support to research, mentoring scholars, and dissemination in topical areas related to the Center's central priorities and this request. Reviewers will evaluate the commitment of the university (and proposed institutional unit that will contain the Center) to assess its ability to support all three major Center

activities: (1) scholarly, policy relevant research; (2) the mentoring and development of young scholars interested in poverty, families, children, and public policy; and (3) dissemination of research and other information to a broad and disparate set of academic, research, and policy communities. Reviewers also will evaluate the applicant's demonstrated capacity to work with a range of government agencies.

(d) Training and mentoring young scholars. [See part II, Section 3.] (15 points) The applicant evaluation will consider proposed efforts to develop and expand a diverse corps of young scholars and researchers. The ratings will consider the proposed mentoring and support given to graduate research assistants, PhD candidates, Post-Docs, and other research scholars. The evaluation will include an assessment of plans to integrate the training of research scholars and exposing them to policy research activities at ASPE.

(e) Appropriations of the budget to carry out the planned staffing and activities. [See part II, Section 5.] (15 points) Ratings will consider whether: (a) The budget assures an efficient and effective allocation of funds to achieve the objectives of this solicitation and (2) the applicant has additional funding from other sources. When additional funding is contemplated, applicants shall note whether the funding is being donated by the institution, is in-hand from another funding source, or will be applied for from another funding source.

Disposition of Applications

1. *Approval, disapproval, or deferral.* On the basis of the review of an application, the ASPE will either (a) approve the application in whole, as revised, or in part for such amount of funds and subject to such conditions as are deemed necessary or desirable for the initiation and operation of one or more Research Centers; (b) disapprove the application; or (c) defer action on the application for such reasons as lack of funds or a need for further review.

2. *Notification of disposition.* The ASPE will notify the applicants of the disposition of their application. A signed notification of award will be issued to notify the applicant of the approved application.

Components of a Complete Application. A complete application consists of the following items in this order:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424, Revised 4-88);

2. Budget Information—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424A, Revised 4-88);

3. Assurances—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424B, Revised, 4-88);

4. Table of Contents;

5. Budget Justification for Section B—Budget Categories;

6. Proof of non-profit status, if appropriate;

7. Copy of the applicant's approved indirect cost rate agreement if necessary;

8. Project Narrative Statement, organized in five sections addressing the following topics:

(a) Understanding of the Effort,

(b) Project Approach,

(c) Staffing Utilization, Staff Background, and Experience,

(d) Organizational Experience, and

(e) Budget Narrative;

9. Any appendices/attachments;

10. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Work place;

11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and

12. Certification and, if necessary, Disclosure Regarding Lobbying;

13. Supplement to Section II—Key Personnel; and

14. Application for Federal Assistance Checklist.

Dated: May 8, 1995.

David T. Ellwood,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Availability of Funds and Request for Applications for Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Projects in Minority Health

AGENCY: Office of Minority Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, PHS, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Application Deadline for Request for Applications.

The Notice of Availability of Funds published Thursday, April 13, 1995, (60 FR 18934) had a due date for application receipt of May 15, 1995. This notice extends the deadline date to May 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES/CONTACTS: Applications must be prepared on Form PHS 5161-1 (Revised July 1992 and approved by OMB under Control Number 09370189). Application kits and technical assistance on budget and business

aspects of the application may be obtained from Ms. Carolyn A. Williams, Grants Management Officer, Office of Minority Health, Rockwall II Building, Suite 1000, 5515 Security Lane, Rockville, MD, 20852, (telephone 301/594-0758) or by Internet E-mail cwilliams@oash.ssw.dhhs.gov. Completed applications are to be submitted to the same address.

Technical assistance on the programmatic content for the Bilingual/Bicultural Grants may be obtained from Ms. Nina Darling or Ms. Rizalina Galicinao. They can be reached at the Office of Minority Health, Rockwall II Building, Suite 1000, 5515 Security Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, (telephone 301/594-0769) or by Internet E-mail ndarling@oash.ssw.dhhs.gov or rgalicin@ash.ssw.dhhs.gov.

In addition, OMH Regional Minority Health Consultants (RMHCs) are available to provide technical assistance. A listing of the RMHCs and how they may be contacted is provided in the grant application kit. Applicants also can contact the OMH Resource Center (OMH/RC) at 1-800-444-6472 for health information and generic information on preparing grant applications.

DEADLINE: To receive consideration, grant applications must be received by the Grants Management Officer by May 31, 1995. Applications will be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either: (1) Received at the above address on or before the deadline date, or (2) Sent to the above address on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants should 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. Applications submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) WILL *not* be accepted. Applications which do not meet the deadline will be considered late and will be returned to the applicant unread.

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