

Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

The application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 5, 1995.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *Sierra Tahoe Bancorp*, Truckee, California; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Sierra Tahoe Bancorp, Truckee, California, in acquiring, making, or servicing loans or other extensions of credit, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout the States of California and Nevada.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 16, 1995.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Valley National Bank; De Novo Corporation to do Business Under Section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act

An application has been submitted for the Board's approval of the organization of a corporation to do business under section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (Edge Corporation) 12 U.S.C. § 611 *et*

seq. The Edge Corporation will operate as a subsidiary of the applicant, Valley National Bank, Passaic, New Jersey. The factors that are to be considered in acting on the application are set forth in the Board's Regulation K (12 CFR 211.4).

The application may be inspected at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or at the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identify specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, and summarize the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Comments regarding the application must be received by the Reserve Bank indicated or at the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 20, 1995.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (William L. Rutledge, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *Valley National Bank*, Passaic, New Jersey; to establish VNB International Services, Inc., Wayne, New Jersey, a *de novo* Edge Corporation, pursuant to § 25A of the Federal Reserve Act.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 16, 1995.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service

Notice of Availability, Environmental Assessment, Port of Entry, Located at Point Roberts, Whatcom County, Washington

The General Services Administration (GSA) hereby gives notice an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The EA was prepared for the proposed expansion of the Port of Entry located in Point Roberts, Whatcom County, Washington.

Written comments on the proposed action, impacts, and mitigation measures may be submitted to GSA's EIS subconsultant, ABAM Consulting Engineers, at the following address: 33301 Ninth Avenue South, Federal Way, Washington 98003-6395 during the 30-day public comment period, which begins on May 19, 1995 and

concludes on June 19, 1995. It is anticipated a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this project will be prepared, signed, and become final after completion of the public comment period, provided no information leading to a contrary finding is received or is made available during the 30-day comment period.

For further information contact Donna M. Meyer, Regional Environmental Program Officer, General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service (10PT), 400 15th Street SW., Auburn, Washington 98001-6599. Telephone: (206) 931-7675.

Dated: May 12, 1995.

L. Jay Pearson,

Regional Administrator (10A).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Local Agency Data on Use of Multiple Services

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.
ACTION: Request for applications to build and analyze a research data base from local agency data on client use of multiple health and human services.

SUMMARY: The Department seeks applications to build and analyze a research data base on multiple health and human services. The primary goal of the proposed grant is to assist a local multi-service agency in (1) creating, from existing separate data files, a longitudinal data set tracking client use of several health and human service programs over time and (2) analyzing that data set. It is anticipated that one grant of \$50,000 for 12 months will be awarded. The Department's award must be matched by the grantee with \$50,000 from non-Federal sources.

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for submitting an application is July 21, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Application instructions and forms should be requested from and submitted to: Grants Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C., 20201, Phone (202) 690-8794. Requests for forms and technical questions will be accepted and responded to up to 15

days prior to the closing date of receipt of applications. Technical questions should be directed to Matthew Stagner, DHHS, ASPE, Telephone, 202-690-5653. Questions may also be faxed to 202-690-5514. Written technical questions should be addressed to Dr. Stagner at the above address. Application submissions may not be faxed.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: The Department seeks applications from local non-profit health and social services providers. For-profit organizations are advised that no funds may be paid as profit to any recipient of a grant or sub-grant. Profit is any amount in excess of allowable direct and indirect costs of the grantee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I

Legislative Authority

This grant 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 1995).

Available Funds

HHS intends to award one grant from this announcement. \$50,000 has been set aside for one grant to be awarded in FY 1995. Funds will be obligated fully at the time of award. This grant will require a 1 to 1 match of private or local funding to federal funding. To receive \$50,000 of federal funds, an organization must demonstrate that it has access to \$50,000 of private or local funding for this project. Nothing in this application should be construed as committing the Assistant Secretary to make an award. The selection of the grantee will be determined by the Assistant Secretary on the basis of the availability of funds and the criteria outlined in this announcement.

Part II. Purpose

Health and human services policy makers increasingly recognize that many clients use multiple types of services, either at a point in time or over the course of their lives. The timing of services in a client's "service career," the ordering of services, and the overlap of service receipt have many implications for policy and practice. In particular, it is important to understand how use of one services leads clients to another service and to understand how programs should work together when a client is involved with many programs simultaneously. Services of interest to the Department include AFDC, Medicaid, job training, child care, food and nutrition programs, foster care,

Head Start, counseling, and other social services.

Several issues make it extremely difficult to understand patterns of service provision across programs or over time. These include the fragmentation of service provision, the varying quantity and quality of data available within each service stream, and the difficulty of tracking the same client across different service providers.

The increasing sophistication and comprehensiveness of human services computer systems now make it possible to use administrative data to improve our understanding of multiple service use. There are at least two ways to begin to use such administrative data. First, researchers are merging data bases from many service streams at the state or county level. After identifying where each client appears in each data base, researchers join the data bases, making it possible to follow each client's experiences in different service systems. Such data bases can show pathways from one service to another and "careers" of multiple service use over time.

Second, it is possible to use data from local agencies that serve as the coordinators of services. In some communities, these agencies may be newly formed service "collaboratives." In other communities, they may be older umbrella agencies like settlement houses. Though obviously limited in its generalizability, developing data on comprehensive services from a single local agency overcomes many of the problems in building state-wide or county-wide data bases. In particular, the single administrative unit decreases the need to obtain multiple clearances and to work with multiple computer systems.

As the cross-cutting policy research agency at HHS, ASPE has a long history of interest in multiple service use by health and human services clients. ASPE has supported the development of several state-level data bases for policy research. This grant award seeks to create a similar, smaller integrated data base at a single multi-service local agency. Applicants must be local comprehensive services agencies that provide multiple services to a large, diverse client base. Services of interest to the Department include AFDC, Medicaid, job training, child care, food and nutrition programs, foster care, Head Start, counseling, and other social services. The agency must have a comprehensive computer system that contains data on individual's use of services, including the timing, length, type, and cost of services.

It is anticipated that one grant will be awarded as a result of this announcement. The Department hopes to contribute to an on-going project in which the grantee is building and analyzing a computerized data file that tracks a large number of health and human service clients through multiple service programs over time. Applicants should demonstrate their access to data that describe client participation (by individual) in many health and human services programs; their capacity to work with this data; the steps they plan to take to combine these data into a single file for policy and practice research; and the analysis they hope to perform using that data. Key issues include the ordering of services, the timing of transitions from one service to another, and the use of multiple services simultaneously.

After building this data base and conducting preliminary analysis, the grantee will prepare a final report describing the procedures they used to build the data base, findings about multiple service use, barriers encountered in developing the data base, and other relevant information. A primary audience for this report is other local comprehensive services data bases. The report should assist other agencies that are attempting to build and analyze such data bases.

Part III. Application Preparation and Evaluation Criteria

This section contains information on the preparation of applications for submission under this announcement, on the forms necessary for submission, and on the evaluation criteria under which the applications will be reviewed. Potential applicants should read this section carefully in conjunction with the information provided above. The application must contain the required Federal forms, title page, table of contents, and the sections listed below. All pages of the narrative should be numbered.

The application must include the following elements:

1. *Abstract:* a one-page summary of the proposed project.

2. *Goals and objectives of the project:* an overview that describes the project, what will be accomplished, what the applicant, the Department, and the field will learn from the successful completion of the project.

3. *Corporate capacity and qualifications:* Applicants must demonstrate access to computerized records within a single agency that cover a wide range of social services and a large number of clients. Services of interest to the Department include

AFDC, Medicaid, job training, child care, food and nutrition programs, foster care, Head Start, counseling, and other social services.

Applicants must demonstrate access to computer hardware and software for storing and analyzing these computerized records. They must also demonstrate that they have staff capable of merging multiple data files and conducting analysis on the resulting data set. Applicants should also describe the type of agency, its organizational structure, and it meets the qualifications outlined in this announcement. Finally, applicants must demonstrate access to \$50,000 in matching funds from private or local sources.

4. Experience, qualifications, and use of staff: Applicants must list primary staff and the activities they will perform on this project. Curriculum Vitae or job descriptions for key staff must be appended. This section must show that the organization—and the particular staff assigned—has a good track record in the use of administrative data. If the applicant plans to contract for outside staff for this project, the relationship and commitment of these people to the applicant organization must be demonstrated.

5. Initial Workplan: Applicants must describe the activities they plan to undertake and outline their rationale for undertaking those activities. This plan should describe the data files that will be used, the steps that will be taken to create a single data file for analysis, and the planned analysis of that data file. The role of key staff in each step of the work plan should be presented.

6. Budget: Applicants must submit a request for federal funds using Standard Form 424A. In addition, they must include a detailed breakdown of all Federal line items along with a brief narrative description or justification for these line items. This section must demonstrate the availability of \$50,000 in matching funds from local or private sources. This detailed breakdown should separate items for which Federal funds are requested from items to be provided by other sources, with those other sources identified.

Review Process and Funding Information

A panel of at least three experts will review and score all applications that are submitted by the deadline date and that 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 Assistant Secretary in making funding decisions. The Department reserves the option to discuss applications with other Federal agencies, specialists, experts, states, and the general public. Comments from these sources, along with those of the reviewers, may be considered in making an award decision.

State Single Point of Contact (E.O. No. 12372)

DHHS has determined that this program is not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." Applicants are not required to seek intergovernmental review of their applications within the constraints of E.O. 12372.

Deadline for Submission of Applications

The closing date for submittal of applications under this announcement is July 21, 1995. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the application receipt point no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 21, 1995. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays during the working 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 (202) 690-8794 from the lobby for pick up. A staff person will be available to receive applications. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

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 July 21, 1995, or (2) postmarked before midnight July 21, 1995 and received in time to be considered during the competitive review process (within two weeks of the deadline date).

When mailing applications, 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 deadline are considered late applications and will not be considered or reviewed in the current competition.

DHHS will send a letter to this effect to each late applicant.

DHHS reserves the right to extend the deadline for all proposals due to natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, or earthquakes, or if there is a widespread disruption of the mail, or if DHHS determines a deadline extension to be in the best interest of the government. However, DHHS will not waive or extend the deadline for any applicant unless the deadline is waived or extended for all applicants.

Application Forms

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

Length of Application

Applications should be as brief as possible but should assure successful communications of the applicant's proposal to the reviewers. In no case shall an application (excluding the resumes, appendix and other appropriate attachments) be longer than 15 single spaced pages. Applications should be neither unduly elaborate nor contain voluminous supporting documentation.

Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria

Selection of the successful applicant will be based on the criteria laid out in this announcement. Reviews will determine the strengths and weaknesses of each application in terms of the evaluation criteria listed below, will provide comments, and will assign numerical scores. The review panel will prepare a summary of all applicant scores and strengths/weaknesses and recommendations and will submit it to the Assistant Secretary for the final decision on the award.

The point value following each criterion heading indicates the maximum numerical 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.

Three (3) copies of each application are required. Applicants are encouraged to send an additional *seven (7) copies* of their application to ease processing, but applicants will not be penalized if these extra copies are not included.

Applications will be judged according to the criteria set forth below:

A. Goals, Objectives, and Need for Assistance. (10 points)

Are the goals and objectives of the project presented clearly and do they reflect the type of project sought by this announcement?

B. Project Design and Approach. (40 points)

Is there documented access to multiple data sets describing individual experiences in the services of interest (e.g., AFDC, Medicaid, job training, child care, foster care, Head Start, counseling, and other social services)? How long is the time frame covered by each data set? How detailed are the records of service receipt (e.g., type of activity, length of activity, cost of activity)? How large and diverse is the population covered in each data set? Is there a clear and achievable plan for creating a single data set that will allow the tracking of individuals through multiple services over time? Are there interesting questions about health and human services policy and practice that will be explored after the data set is created?

C. Organization and Staffing. (40 points)

Does the organization demonstrate the in-house capacity to conduct the project? Does the organization demonstrate access to and experience with computerized records for multiple services? Does the organization and staff demonstrate a track record of successful use of administrative data? Do the staff have documented experience working with multiple data sets involving several types of health and human services? Are the number and type of staff positions sufficient to achieve project objectives?

How many different types of health and human services does the organization provide? For how many of these services is their individual-level data on service receipt? Does the organization have computer hardware, computer software, and computing staff able to work with large data sets? Does the organization demonstrate an ability to manage a complex data-merging project, including analysis of such data? Does the organization demonstrate connections to key audiences for dissemination?

D. Budget and budget narrative (10 points)

Is the proposed budget reasonable and sufficient to ensure implementation of the project? Does the organization demonstrate access to \$50,000 from non-Federal sources to match the Federal grant?

Disposition of Applications

1. *Approval, disapproval, or deferral.* On the basis of the review of the application, the Assistant Secretary will either (a) approve the application as a whole or in part; (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 Assistant Secretary will notify the applicants of the disposition of their applications. If approved, a signed notification of the award will be sent to the business office named in the ASPE checklist.

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 four sections addressing the following topics:
 - a. Abstract
 - b. Goals and objectives of the project
 - c. Corporate capacity and qualifications
 - d. Experience, qualifications, and use of staff
 - e. Initial Workplan
 - f. Budget and Budget Narrative
9. Any appendices or attachments;
10. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace;
11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, or other Responsibility Matters;
12. Certification and, if necessary, Disclosure Regarding Lobbying;
13. Supplement to Section II—Key Personnel;
14. Application for Federal Assistance Checklist.

Dated: May 12, 1995.

David T. Ellwood,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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Health Resources and Services Administration**Final Review Criteria for Grants for Geriatric Education Centers for Fiscal Year 1995**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the final review criteria for Grants for Geriatric Education Centers for FY 1995 under the authority of section 777(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Public Law 102-408, dated October 13, 1992.

Purpose

Grants may be awarded to support the development of collaborative arrangements involving several health professions schools and health care facilities. These arrangements, called Geriatric Education Centers (GECs), are established to facilitate training of health professional faculty, students, and practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease, disability, and other health problems of the aged. Health professionals include allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, chiropractors, clinical psychologists, health administrators, and allied health professionals.

Projects supported under these grants must offer training involving four or more health professions, one of which must be allopathic or osteopathic medicine. Projects must address one or more of the statutory purposes listed below:

- (a) Improve the training of health professionals in geriatrics;
- (b) Develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals;
- (c) Expand and strengthen instruction in methods of such treatment;
- (d) Support the training and retraining of faculty to provide such instruction;
- (e) Support continuing education of health professionals and allied health professionals who provide such treatment; and
- (f) Establish new affiliations with nursing homes, chronic and acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and senior centers in order to provide students with clinical training in geriatric medicine.

Eligibility

Section 777(a) of the PHS Act authorizes the award of grants to accredited health professions schools as