

following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor.

Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in § 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No: 202-002744-087

Title: West Coast of South America Agreement

Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Compania Chilena de Navigacion
Interoceania, S.A.

Compania Sud Americana de
Vapores, S.A.

Crowley American Transport, Inc.
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

South Pacific Shipping Company Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment revises Article 14.(c)(1) to provide that service contracts shall be for a maximum term of one year unless otherwise unanimously agreed to by the Members. It also restates the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 202-010689-059

Title: Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement

Parties:

American President Lines, Ltd.
Hapag-Lloyd Aktiengesellschaft
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

Nedlloyd Lijnen B.V.

Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha Ltd.

Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc.
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment modifies the Agreement to state that all voting provisions now in the various sections of the Agreement will be combined into a single concise statement and to clarify ambiguities that reflects existing practice and interpretation of the Agreement. In addition, it deletes the Voting groups in the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 224-200985

Title: Port of Galveston/Wallenius Lines North America, Inc. Incentive Operating Agreement

Parties:

Port of Galveston ("Port")

Wallenius Lines North America, Inc. ("Wallenius")

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the Port to refund to Wallenius 6½ percent of the applicable Port tariff dockage fees, provided Wallenius makes a minimum of 36 port calls during the calendar year.

Dated: April 30, 1996.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Export Center, 55 Farwell Street #1,
Newton, MA 02160-1006, Nada Saad,
Sole Proprietor

Kasi Renganathan, 4385 Pinewalk Drive,
Alpharetta, GA 30202-7048, Sole
Proprietor

Seko Ocean Forwarding, Inc., 790 Busse
Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007,
Officers: Peter Baker, Chief Executive
Officer, Daniel Para, President

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement 123]

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1997

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces that

applications are being accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1997 training grants in occupational safety and health. The purpose of these grants is to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. This announcement includes an expanded emphasis on research and research training and an emphasis on establishing new and innovative training technologies for both Educational Resource Centers (ERCs) and Training Project Grants (TPGs).

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Occupational Safety and Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.")

Authority

This program is authorized under section 21(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 670(a)). Regulations applicable to this program are in 42 CFR Part 86, "Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health."

Smoke-Free Workplace

PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the nonuse of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Any public or private educational or training agency or institution that has demonstrated competency in the occupational safety and health field and is located in a State, the District of Columbia, or U.S. Territory is eligible to apply for a training grant.

Availability of Funds and Types of Training Awards and Applicant Characteristics

CDC expects approximately \$11,500,000 to be available in FY 1997.

A. Approximately \$10,400,000 of the total funds available will be utilized as follows:

1. To award approximately eight non-competing continuation and six competing continuation or new Occupational Safety and Health training

grants totaling approximately \$8,200,000 and ranging from approximately \$400,000 to \$800,000 with the average award being approximately \$600,000. An Occupational Safety and Health Educational Resource Center shall be an identifiable organizational unit within the sponsoring organization and shall consist of the following characteristics:

a. Cooperative arrangements with a medical school or teaching hospital (with an established program in preventive or occupational medicine); with a school of nursing or its equivalent; with a school of public health or its equivalent; or with a school of engineering or its equivalent. It is expected that other schools or departments with relevant disciplines and resources shall be represented and shall contribute as appropriate to the conduct of the total program, e.g., epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics, environmental health, law, business administration, and education. Specific mechanisms to implement the cooperative arrangements between departments, schools/colleges, universities, etc., shall be demonstrated in order to assure that the intended multidisciplinary training and education will be engendered.

b. A Center Director who possesses a demonstrated capacity for sustained productivity and leadership in occupational health and safety education and training. The Director shall oversee the general operation of the Center Program and shall, to the extent possible, directly participate in training activities. Provisions shall be made to employ a Deputy Director who shall be responsible for managing the daily administrative duties of the Center and to increase the Center Director's availability to ERC staff and to the public. At least one full-time equivalent effort shall be demonstrated between the two positions.

c. Program Directors who are full-time faculty and professional staff representing various disciplines and qualifications relevant to occupational safety and health who are capable of planning, establishing, and carrying out or administering training projects undertaken by the Center. Each academic program, as well as the continuing education and outreach program shall have a Program Director.

d. Faculty and staff with demonstrated training and research expertise, appropriate facilities and ongoing training and research activities in occupational safety and health areas.

e. A program for conducting education and training in four core disciplines: occupational physicians,

occupational health nurses, industrial hygienists, and occupational safety personnel. There shall be a minimum of five full-time students in each of the core programs, with a goal of a minimum of 30 full-time students (total in all of core programs together). Although it is desirable for a Center to have the full range of core programs, a Center with a minimum of three components of which two are in the core disciplines is eligible for support providing it is demonstrated that students will be exposed to the principles and issues of all four core disciplines. In order to maximize the unique strengths and capabilities of institutions, consideration will be given to the development of new and innovative academic programs that are relevant to the occupational safety and health field, e.g., ergonomics, industrial toxicology, occupational injury prevention, and occupational epidemiology. Centers must also document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. Each core program curriculum shall include courses from non-core categories as well as appropriate clinical rotations and field experiences with public health and safety agencies and with labor-management health and safety groups. Where possible, field experience shall involve students representing other disciplines in a manner similar to that used in team surveys and other team approaches.

f. A specific plan describing how trainees will be exposed to the principles of all other occupational safety and health core and allied disciplines. Consortium Centers generally have geographic, policy and other barriers to achieving this Center characteristic and, therefore, must give special, if not innovative, attention to thoroughly describing the approach for fulfilling the multidisciplinary interaction between students.

g. Demonstrated impact of the ERC on the curriculum taught by relevant medical specialties, including family practice, internal medicine, dermatology, orthopedics, pathology, radiology, neurology, perinatal medicine, psychiatry, etc., and on the curriculum of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education of primary core disciplines as well as relevant medical specialties and the curriculum of other schools such as engineering, business, and law.

h. An outreach program to interact with and help other institutions or agencies located within the region. Programs shall be designed to address

regional needs and implement innovative strategies for meeting those needs. Partnerships and collaborative relationships shall be encouraged between ERCs and Training Project Grants. Programs to address the under-representation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals shall be encouraged. Examples of outreach activities might include activities such as: Interaction with other colleges and schools within the ERC and with other universities or institutions in the region to integrate occupational safety and health principles and concepts within existing curricula (e.g., Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering, Architecture, Law, and Arts and Sciences); exchange of occupational safety and health faculty among regional educational institutions; providing curriculum materials and consultation for curriculum/course development in other institutions; use of a visiting faculty program to involve labor and management leaders; cooperative and collaborative arrangements with professional societies, scientific associations, and boards of accreditation, certification, or licensure; and presentation of awareness seminars to undergraduate and secondary educational institutions (e.g., high school science fairs and career days) as well as to labor, management and community associations.

i. A specific plan for preparing, distributing and conducting courses, seminars and workshops to provide short-term and continuing education training courses for physicians, nurses, industrial hygienists, safety engineers and other occupational safety and health professionals, paraprofessionals and technicians, including personnel from labor-management health and safety committees, in the geographical region in which the Center is located. The goal shall be that the training be made available to a minimum of 400 trainees per year representing all of the above categories of personnel, on an approximate proportional basis with emphasis given to providing occupational safety and health training to physicians in family practice, as well as industrial practice, industrial nurses, and safety engineers. Priority shall be given to establishing new and innovative training technologies, including distance learning programs and to short-term programs designed to prepare a cadre of practitioners in occupational safety and health. Where appropriate, it shall be professionally acceptable that Continuing Education Units (as approved by appropriate

professional associations) may be awarded. These courses should be structured so that higher educational institutions, public health and safety agencies, professional societies or other appropriate agencies can utilize them to provide training at the local level to occupational health and safety personnel working in the workplace. Further, the Center shall conduct periodic training needs assessments, shall develop a specific plan to meet these needs, and shall have demonstrated capability for implementing such training directly and through other institutions or agencies in the region. The Center should establish and maintain cooperative efforts with labor unions, government agencies, and industry trade associations, where appropriate, thus serving as a regional resource for addressing the problems of occupational safety and health that are faced by State and local governments, labor and management.

j. A Board of Advisors or Consultants representing the user and affected population, including representatives of labor, industry, government agencies, academic institutions and professional associations, shall be established by the Center. The Board shall meet regularly to advise a Center Executive Committee and to provide periodic evaluation of Center activities. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Center Director and Deputy Director, academic Program Directors, the Directors for Continuing Education and Outreach and others whom the Center Director may appoint to assist in governing the internal affairs of the Center.

k. A plan to incorporate research training into all aspects of training and in research institutions, as documented by on-going funded research and faculty publications, a defined research training plan for training doctoral-level researchers in the occupational safety and health field. The plan will include how the Center intends to strengthen existing research training efforts, how it will integrate research training activities into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences, how it will expand these research activities to have an impact on other primarily clinically-oriented disciplines, such as nursing and medicine, and how it will build on and utilize existing research opportunities in the institution. Each ERC is required to identify or develop a minimum of one, preferably more, areas of research focus related to work environment problems. Consideration shall be given to the CDC/NIOSH priority research areas identified in the National Occupational Health Research Agenda (NORA). (This

publication may be obtained from NIOSH). In addition to the research and research training components, the plan will also include such items as specific strategies for obtaining student and faculty funding, plans for renovating or acquiring facilities and equipment, if appropriate, and a plan for developing research-oriented faculty.

1. Evidence in obtaining support from other sources, including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

2. Approximately \$250,000 of the available funds as specified in A.1. will be awarded to ERCs to support the development of specialized educational programs in agricultural safety and health within the existing core disciplines of industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, occupational health nursing, and occupational safety. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to educate professionals in agricultural safety and health.

3. To award approximately thirty-one, non-competing continuation and eight competing continuation or new long-term training project grants (TPG) totaling \$2,200,000 and ranging from approximately \$10,000 to \$500,000, with the average award being \$56,000, to support academic programs in the core disciplines (i.e., industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational/industrial medicine, and occupational safety and ergonomics) and relevant components (e.g., occupational injury prevention, industrial toxicology, ergonomics). The awards are normally for training programs of 1 academic year. They are intended to augment the scope, enrollment, and quality of training programs rather than to replace funds already available for current operations. They must also document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. The types of training currently eligible for support are:

a. Graduate training for practice, teaching, and research careers in occupational safety and health. Priority will be given to programs producing graduates in areas of greatest occupational safety and health need. Strong consideration will be given to the establishment of innovative training technologies including distance learning programs.

b. Undergraduate and other pre-baccalaureate training providing trainees with capabilities for positions

in occupational safety and health professions.

c. Special technical or other programs for long-term training of occupational safety and health technicians or specialists.

d. Special programs for development of occupational safety and health training curricula and educational materials, including mechanisms for effectiveness testing and implementation.

Awards will be made for a 1- to 5-year project period with an annual budget period. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Non-competing continuation awards within the approved project periods will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

B. Approximately \$1,100,000 of the total funds available will be awarded to ERCs to support the development and presentation of continuing education and short courses and academic curricula for trainees and professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances. These funds are provided to NIOSH/CDC through an Interagency Agreement with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). The hazardous substance training (HST) funds are being used to supplement previous hazardous substance continuing education grant support provided to the ERCs in FY 1984 and 1985 under the authority of Title III of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 as amended by SARA for the ERC continuing education program. The hazardous substance academic training (HSAT) funds are being used to supplement continuing industrial hygiene core program support to develop and offer academic curricula in the hazardous substance field primarily for industrial hygiene trainees. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to provide training and education for occupational safety and health and other professional personnel engaged in the evaluation, management, and handling of hazardous substances. The policies regarding project periods also apply to these activities.

Purpose

The objective of this grant program is to award funds to eligible institutions or agencies to assist in providing an adequate supply of qualified professional and para-professional

occupational safety and health personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Review and Evaluation Criteria

In reviewing ERC grant applications, consideration will be given to:

1. Plans to satisfy the regional needs for training in the areas outlined by the application, including projected enrollment, recruitment and current workforce populations. Special consideration should be given to the development of programs addressing the under-representation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals. Indicators of regional need should include measures utilized by the Center such as previous record of training and placement of graduates. The need for supporting students in allied disciplines must be specifically justified in terms of user community requirements.

2. Extent to which arrangements for day-to-day management, allocation of funds and cooperative arrangements are designed to effectively achieve *Characteristics of an Educational Resource Center*. (See A.1.a.-1.)

3. Extent to which curriculum content and design includes formalized training objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course descriptions, course sequence, additional related courses open to occupational safety and health students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, and the nature of specific field and clinical experiences including their relationships with didactic programs in the educational process.

4. Academic training including the number of full-time and part-time students and graduates for each core program, the placement of graduates, employment history, and their current location by type of institution (academic, industry, labor, etc.). Previous continuing education training in each discipline and outreach activity and assistance to groups within the ERC region.

5. Methods in use or proposed methods for evaluating the effectiveness of training and outreach including the use of placement services and feedback mechanisms from graduates as well as employers, innovative strategies for meeting regional needs, critiques from continuing education courses, and reports from consultations and cooperative activities with other universities, professional associations, and other outside agencies.

6. Competence, experience and training of the Center Director, the Deputy Center Director, the Program

Directors and other professional staff in relation to the type and scope of training and education involved.

7. Institutional commitment to Center goals.

8. Academic and physical environment in which the training will be conducted, including access to appropriate occupational settings.

9. Appropriateness of the budget required to support each academic component of the ERC program, including a separate budget for the academic staff's time and effort in continuing education and outreach.

10. Evidence of the integration of research experience into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences. In institutions seeking funds for doctoral and post-doctoral level research training (physician training), evidence of a plan describing the research and research training the Center proposes. This shall include goals, elements of the program, research faculty and amount of effort, support faculty, facilities and equipment available and needed, and methods for implementing and evaluating the program.

12. Evidence of success in attaining outside support to supplement the ERC grant funds including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

13. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the ERC and its programs have had on the DHHS Region. Examples could include a continuing education needs assessment, a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, the impact on primary care practice and training, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

In reviewing long-term TPG applications, consideration will be given to:

1. Need for training in the program area outlined by the application. This should include documentation of a plan for student recruitment, projected enrollment, job opportunities, regional/national need both in quality and quantity, and for programs addressing the under-representation of minorities in the profession of occupational safety and health.

2. Potential contribution of the project toward meeting the needs for graduate or specialized training in occupational safety and health.

3. Curriculum content and design which should include formalized program objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course sequence, related courses open to students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, nature and the interrelationship of these educational approaches. There should also be evidence of integration of research experience into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences.

4. Previous records of training in this or related areas, including placement of graduates.

5. Methods proposed to evaluate effectiveness of the training.

6. Degree of institutional commitment: Is grant support necessary for program initiation or continuation? Will support gradually be assumed? Is there related instruction that will go on with or without the grant?

7. Adequacy of facilities (classrooms, laboratories, library services, books, and journal holdings relevant to the program, and access to appropriate occupational settings).

8. Competence, experience, training, time commitment to the program and availability of faculty to advise students, faculty/student ratio, and teaching loads of the program director and teaching faculty in relation to the type and scope of training involved. The program director must be a full-time faculty member.

9. Admission Requirements: Student selection standards and procedures, student performance standards and student counseling services.

10. Advisory Committee: Membership, industries and labor groups represented; how often they meet; who they advise, role in designing curriculum and establishing program need.

11. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the program has had on the region. Examples could include a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

Funding Allocation Criteria

For Educational Resource Center grants, the following criteria will be considered in determining funding allocations.

1. Academic Core Programs

a. Budget to support programs primarily for personnel and other personnel-related costs. Advanced

(doctoral and post-doctoral) and specialty (master's) programs will be considered.

b. Budget to support programs based on program quality and need. Factors considered include faculty commitment/breadth, faculty reputation/strength, distinctive program contribution, and technical merit.

c. Budget to support students based on the program level and the number of students supported.

d. Budget to support research training programs to establish a research base within core disciplines and for the training of researchers in occupational safety and health.

2. Center Administration

Budget to support Center administration to assure: coordination and promotion of academic programs; interdisciplinary interaction; meeting of regional workforce needs; and evaluation of impact.

3. Continuing Education/Outreach Program

Budget to support outreach and continuing education activities to prepare, distribute, and conduct short courses, seminars, and workshops.

4. Hazardous Substance Training Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of continuing education courses for professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances.

5. Hazardous Substance Academic Training Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of specialized academic programs in hazardous substance management.

6. Agricultural Safety and Health Academic Programs

Budget to support the development and presentation of specialized academic programs and continuing education courses in agricultural safety and health.

For Long-Term Training Project grants, the following factors will be considered in determining funding allocations.

Academic Core Programs

a. Budget to support programs primarily for personnel and other personnel-related costs. Advanced (doctoral and post-doctoral), specialty (master's), and baccalaureate/associate programs will be considered.

b. Budget to support programs based on program quality and need. Factors

considered include faculty commitment/breadth, faculty reputation/strength, regional workforce needs, evaluation of impact, distinctive program contribution, interdisciplinary interaction, and technical merit.

c. Budget to support students based on the program level and the number of students supported.

Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are not subject to review as governed by Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

Public Health System Reporting Requirement

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.263.

Application Submission and Deadline

Applications should be clearly identified as an application for an Occupational Safety and Health Long-Term Training Project Grant or ERC Training Grant. The submission schedule is as follows:

New, Competing Continuation and Supplemental Receipt Date: July 1, 1996.

An original and two copies of new, competing continuation and supplemental applications (Form CDC 2.145A ERC or TPG) should be submitted to: Ron Van Duyne (Attn: Georgia Jang), Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305.

1. Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

a. Received on or before the deadline date, or

b. Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.a. or 1.b. above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered in the current

competition and will be returned to the applicant.

Non-Competing Continuation Receipt Date: November 15, 1996.

An original and two copies of non-competing continuation applications (Form CDC 2.145B ERC or TPG) should be submitted to: Ron Van Duyne (Attn: Georgia Jang), Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked your name, address, and phone number and will need to refer to Announcement 123. In addition, this announcement is also available through the CDC Home Page on the Internet. The address for the CDC Home Page is <http://www.cdc.gov>. A complete program description and information on application procedures are contained in the application package.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from Georgia L. Jang, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 321, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6630, or by Internet, glj2@opspgo1.em.cdc.gov. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from John T. Talty, Principal Engineer, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop C-10, Cincinnati, OH 45226, telephone (513) 533-8241, or by Internet, jtt2@niOOD2.em.cdc.gov.

Please refer to Announcement Number 123 when requesting information and submitting an application.

There may be delays in mail delivery as well as difficulty in reaching the CDC Atlanta offices during the 1996 Summer Olympics (July 19-August 4). Therefore, CDC suggests the following for more timely responses to any questions: use Internet/email, following all instructions in this announcement, and leave messages on the contact person's voice mail.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full

Report, Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

Dated: April 26, 1996.

Diane D. Porter,

Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases Faculty Expansion Program

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the expected availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide resources to support faculty positions specializing in sexually transmitted diseases (STD) to schools of medicine in the United States. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of STD and HIV Infection. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section **WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**)

Authority

This program is authorized under section 318 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247c-1, as amended. Regulations governing Grants for STD Research Demonstrations and Public and Professional Education are codified in Part 51b, Subparts A and F of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.

Smoke-Free Workplace

The CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Competition for these funds is limited to clinical departments of schools of medicine in the United States where

CDC is not currently funding STD Prevention/Training Centers or where the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is not currently funding Sexually Transmitted Diseases Cooperative Research Centers or STD institutional training programs. The rationale for this limited competition is that those areas where STD Prevention/Training Centers and NIH STD Cooperative Research Centers or STD Institutional Training Programs are located already have expertise in STDs and have established training and collaborations similar to those described as goals of this announcement.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$650,000 is expected to be available in FY 1996 to fund approximately five awards for a 12-month budget period within a 5-year project period. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 30, 1996. It is estimated that the average award (including direct and indirect cost) for the first year will be \$130,000, ranging between \$120,000 and \$140,000. Continuation awards within the project period will depend on satisfactory progress and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that the awards for the second year will be level with those of the first year.

In the third year, CDC will provide 50 percent of the original award, and the remainder, summing to at least the same level as the original award, will be provided as a guaranteed salary shared by the medical school and the collaborating health department. In the fourth and fifth years, CDC will contribute a maximum of 25 percent of the original award, with the remainder of the funds documented through a collaborating effort between the medical school and the health department (which cannot be reduced below the level of the original award). Computation of the salary should include cost-of-living and merit increases, if applicable. In-kind contributions, such as space and equipment may not be considered in the total program costs. Total program costs for the purposes of determining contributions consist of the five items listed under the **USE OF FUNDS** section.

Use of Funds

Cooperative agreement funds may be used to support:

- The salary and benefits of a faculty member,
- Travel to three project-related meetings during budget period,
- Supplies necessary for professional training activities,

- Not more than \$15,000 annually to support relevant research by faculty member,

- Indirect cost.

Funds may not be used to lease space; to provide diagnostic and treatment facilities or services; or to pay other expenses normally supported by the applicant or the collaborating health department. Funds may not be used for renovation of facilities. Federal funds may not be used to replace training support. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to enable the school of medicine to provide STD training and education by establishing a faculty position in sexually transmitted diseases in a clinical department and not to supplant existing sources of funding for a current faculty member.

Any materials developed in whole or in part with CDC funds shall be subject to a nonexclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to the government to reproduce, translate, publish, or otherwise use and authorize others to use for government purposes.

Purpose

The general purpose of this cooperative agreement is:

1. To enable the awardee institutions to provide training and education in STDs by developing a faculty position dedicated to the area of sexually transmitted diseases in schools of medicine where such clinical and research expertise does not currently exist.

2. To support the development of linkages between health departments and medical schools in the area of STD prevention through jointly appointed staff who strengthen the scientific basis of programmatic activities by undertaking research, clinical care, and teaching responsibilities.

Specifically, the recipient supported under the STD Faculty Expansion Program will be expected to establish a faculty member to provide to medical students, house staff, and fellows:

1. Preclinical, didactic instruction in the pathogenesis, natural history, epidemiology, and management of STDs sufficient to produce a sound educational basis for subsequent clinical instruction, and
2. Clinical instruction in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of STDs.

The recipient will establish a faculty member who will also be expected to:

1. Care for STD patients at one or more clinics supported by the State or local health department, and
2. Develop STD research programs, preferably in collaboration with local or state health departments.