

expend a more significant amount of time and cost in preparing a submission related to more complex arrangements that involve a large number of parties or participants.

Estimated annual cost burden on respondents (in addition to the hour burden): \$1,000,000. In addition to the hour burden on respondents discussed above, some respondents may incur additional information collection costs related to the purchase of outside professional services, such as attorneys or consultants. We believe that the cost burden related to such outside assistance will vary from zero to 40 hours per request, with an average of 10 hours. At the rate of \$200 per hour, this total burden would amount to \$1,000,000.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with The National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO). This cooperative agreement will establish the broad programmatic framework within which specific projects can be funded as they are identified during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist the national association in expanding and enhancing its activities relevant to education, health promotion and disease prevention, and family and youth violence prevention with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of minorities and disadvantaged people. The OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. The OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Title XVII, Section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service

Act, as amended by Public Law 101-527.

Background

Assistance will be provided only to NAFEO. No other applications are solicited. NAFEO is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it has:

1. A well developed infrastructure and communications network to coordinate and implement various health promotion and prevention educational programs within the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) communities and with local community organizations in close proximity to their campuses. It is the only organization of its kind that works exclusively with both public and private, two- and four-year, and graduate and professional black colleges and universities. Since the presidents of the black colleges and universities represent their institutions in NAFEO, it has a direct linkage that would facilitate the coordination of activities that will benefit all of these institutions.

NAFEO has extensive experience in convening general conferences and specific technical assistance workshops for black colleges and universities. This experience provides a foundation upon which to develop and promote health education related programs aimed at preventing and reducing unnecessary morbidity and mortality rates among African American populations.

2. Established itself and its members as a national association with professionals who serve as leaders and experts in planning, developing, implementing, and promoting educational and policy campaigns (locally and nationally) aimed at reducing adverse health behaviors and improving the African American community's overall educational and social well being.

3. Experience in implementing workshops to assist specific Federal agencies in involving HBCUs in an appropriate and effective manner in their programs, including:

Work with Department of Defense (DOD) to increase participation of HBCUs in DOD funded activities as prime contractors or as subcontractors, or collaborators or partners with industry, major research universities, and small and disadvantaged businesses. This included the conduct of approximately 15 Defense Technical Assistance workshops to increase the participation of HBCUs and other minority institutions in the DOD procurement process.

A series of 20 regional seminars involving the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) officials and representatives of HBCUs to increase the involvement of HBCUs in U.S. AID development programs.

Workshops for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) on solving technical problems of development and maintenance of a superior Air Force weapons systems and a safeguard for defense.

4. Developed a base of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to HBCU issues including health and social problems. Through the collective efforts of its members, community-based organizations, volunteers, NAFEO has demonstrated (1) the ability to work with academic institutions and health groups on mutual education, research, and health endeavors relating to the goal of health promotion and disease prevention of African Americans; (2) the leadership necessary to attract minority students into public service and health careers; and (3) the leadership needed to assist health care professionals to work more effectively with African American clients and communities.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1997 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 3 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Georgia Buggs, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-5084.

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

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Quarterly Public Health Assessments Completed

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a quarterly announcement that contains a list of sites for which ATSDR has completed