

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities**

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 25, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole*, Paris, France; to acquire *Credit Agricole Indosuez*, Paris, France, and thereby indirectly acquire *Indosuez Investment Management Services, Inc.*, Menlo Park, California, and thereby engage in investment management and advisory services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 7, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Announcement Number 797]

FY 1997; Studies To Evaluate the Epidemiologic and Laboratory Characteristics of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection Among United States Blood and Plasma Donors**Introduction**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds for cooperative agreements to provide assistance for epidemiologic surveillance studies of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in U.S. blood and plasma donors. These studies will be conducted to describe the epidemiology of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), other retroviruses, and related conditions in persons whose blood tests positive for HIV antibody, HIV antigen, or other related laboratory markers. Additional funds will be available for laboratory studies of the genetic variation of HIV among blood and plasma donors and other selected populations.

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 HIV Infection. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the Section WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)), as amended. Applicable program regulations are set forth in 42 CFR Part 52, entitled "Grants for Research Projects."

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all cooperative agreement recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. 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

Eligible applicants include all nonprofit and for-profit blood centers and organizations and governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, and other public and private organizations, State and local health departments or their bona fide agents or instrumentalities, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations, and small, minority- or women-owned businesses are eligible to apply.

Note: Organizations described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engage in lobbying are not eligible to receive Federal grant/cooperative agreement funds.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1,200,000 will be available in FY 1997 to fund approximately 5-10 awards. It is expected that the average award will be approximately \$200,000, with a range from \$20,000 to \$800,000. It is expected that approximately 2 new and 6 competing renewal awards will be made and that awards will begin on or about September 30, 1997. Awards will be funded for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory programmatic progress and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds**Restrictions on Lobbying**

Applicants should be aware of restrictions on the use of Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) funds for lobbying of Federal or State legislative bodies. Under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 1352 (which has been in effect since December 23, 1989), recipients (and their sub-tier contractors) are prohibited from using appropriated Federal funds (other than profits from a Federal contract) for lobbying Congress or any Federal agency in connection with the award of a particular contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan. This includes grants/cooperative agreements that, in whole or in part, involve conferences for which Federal funds cannot be used directly or indirectly to encourage participants to lobby or to instruct participants on how to lobby.

In addition, the FY 1997 Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which became effective October 1, 1996, expressly prohibits the use of 1997