

previously issued guidance and experts throughout government, private sector, and academic communities to develop and issue "Standards for Internal Controls in the Federal Government" to facilitate implementation of FMFIA. Although those standards remain conceptually sound and are used throughout the federal government, this update enhances the standards by recognizing recent internal control evaluation guidance developed by the private sector with assistance from GAO and others, as well as to giving greater recognition to the increasing use of information technology.

The internal control standards contained in the proposed standards follow the COSO guidance closely and refer to portions of OMB Circular A-123 that provide guidance for evaluating internal control. However, two of the standards concerning management reporting on internal control and resolution of audit findings are standards not addressed by COSO but reflect the public's demand for a high level of accountability for government stewardship of resources. These two standards are currently required by law and by the existing internal control standards. Appendix II cross-references the existing standards with those proposed in the document.

Comments received will be reviewed and the proposed standards will be revised as necessary. Publication of the final standards will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Cooperative Agreement With the National Academy of Sciences

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Public Health Service agencies (PHS), the Office of Public Health and Science has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to provide core support for activities in a number of health areas, including health promotion and disease prevention; health care services; neuroscience and behavioral health; health sciences policy; food and nutrition; international

health; radiation effects research; environmental studies and toxicology; and children, youth and families. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide access to expertise regarding matters of interest to PHS, including independent advice on how complex issues might be defined and addressed in discrete studies and on planning to address the problems and issues identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Oswald, Contract Specialist, Program Support Center, AOS/Division of Acquisition Management, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 5-101, Rockville, Maryland 20857, for information about this program, and Linda Meyers, Ph.D., Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201, for programmatic technical assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$450,000 will be available in FY 1998 to support this project. This award was effective December 1, 1997, for a 12-month budget period with a project period of 5 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change. Continuation awards within the project period will be made if progress is satisfactory and funds are available.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, an HHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to objectives in nearly all priority areas. (To order a copy of "Healthy People 2000: Midcourse Review and Revisions," contact the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954; Telephone (202) 512-1800; Internet address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/index.html>.)

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301 and 1701 of the Public Health Act.

Smoke-free Workplace

The PHS strongly encourages all funding recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children's 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 the children.

Eligible Applicant

Assistance was provided only to the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. No other applications were solicited. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is the only organization that has the ability to assemble such National scientific expertise in a range of health-related fields to furnish independent advice and guidance of the highest quality with an unparalleled level of objectivity. This combination of advice and objectivity is a distinct asset to the PHS in carrying out its mission.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

A Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is not required because the project is the only one funded in this activity.

Executive Order 12372 Review

This application is not subject to Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs as governed by Executive Order 12372.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

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

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Susanne A. Stoiber,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels: Notice of Availability of Final Report.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is providing notice of the availability of the Report of the Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels.

DATES: The final report of the Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels was delivered to the Secretary, Health and Human Services, the President, and Congress on November 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: