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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Fiscal Year 1998 Discretionary Announcement for University-Head Start Partnerships Research Projects and Head Start Research Scholars; Availability of Funds and Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces the availability of funds for two Priority Areas; University-Head Start Partnerships (1.01) and Head Start Research Scholars (1.02) to support research activities in the areas of infant and toddler development within the cultural context, the promotion of mental health in Head Start and Early Head Start, or field-initiated research areas which will increase our knowledge of low-income children's development for the purpose of improving services or have significant policy implications.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is 5:00 EST May 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications, including all necessary forms can be downloaded from the Head Start web site at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb. The web site also contains a listing of all Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Hard copies of the application may be obtained by writing, calling or sending an e-mail to the E-mail hsresearch@dakota-tech.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Head Start Research Support Center at: 11320 Random Hills Road, Suite 105, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, Phone: (703) 218-2480.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Priority Areas

Priority Area 1.01 University-Head Start Partnerships

Eligible Applicants: Universities and four-year colleges on behalf of a faculty member who holds a doctorate degree or equivalent in their respective field.

Project Duration: The announcement for priority area 1.01 is soliciting applications for project periods of three years with the first year as a planning year. However, requests for project periods of four or five years will be considered if the applicant can make a strong justification for the need for the longer project period in order to complete the research. It should be noted that the requests for longer project periods will be granted in only rare instances. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for the first one-year planning budget period. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period, but within the established project period, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share is \$75,000 for the first 12-month budget period. The Federal share for subsequent years shall be approximately \$150,000 per year for each year of the project period. The Federal share is inclusive of indirect costs.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that 6-8 projects will be funded.

Priority Area 1.02 Head Start Research Scholars

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education on behalf of qualified doctoral candidates who have completed their masters degree or equivalent and are enrolled in the sponsoring institution. To be eligible to administer the grant on behalf of the student, the institution must be fully accredited by one of the regional accrediting commissions recognized by the Department of Education and the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation. In addition, the specific graduate student on whose behalf the application is made must be identified and any resultant grant award is not transferable to another student. Funds from this grant may not be used to make any payments to other students at the university.

Project Duration: The announcement for priority area 1.02 is soliciting applications for project periods up to two years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period, although project periods may be for two years. It should be noted, that if the graduate student, on whose behalf the University is applying, expects to

receive a doctorate by the end of the first one-year budget period, the applicant should request a one-year project period only. A second year budget-period will not be granted if the student has graduated by the end of the first year. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period, but within the two-year project period, will be entertained in the subsequent year on a non-competitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share is not to exceed \$15,000 for the first 12-month budget period or a maximum of \$30,000 for a 2-year project period.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that 10 projects will be funded. No individual university will be funded for more than one candidate unless 10 applications from different institutions do not qualify for support.

Statutory Authority: The Head Start Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee Meeting; Amendment of Notice

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an amendment to the notice of meeting of the Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee meeting. This meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** of February 3, 1998 (63 FR 5562). The amendment is being made to reflect a change in the agenda for the February 19, 1998, meeting day. An additional indication for use in the treatment of infections caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* will also be discussed. There are no other changes. This amendment will be announced at the beginning of the open portion of the meeting.