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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over the past three years the Federal Trade Commission has held a series of public workshops devoted to the consumer protection issues raised by the proliferation of consumers' personal information on the Internet. Workshop participants have included members of the online business community, privacy and consumer advocates, and experts in interactive technology. In June 1996, workshop participants discussed a wide array of subjects, including the collection and use of personal information on the World Wide Web (the "Web"); the necessary elements of self-regulatory efforts to enhance consumer privacy online; developments in interactive technology that could enhance online information privacy; consumer and business education efforts; the role of government in protecting online information privacy; and the special issues raised by the online collection and use of information from and about children. On January 6, 1997, the Commission published the staff report *Consumer Privacy on the Global Information Infrastructure* (1996), which summarized the workshop testimony.

On March 6, 1997, the Commission published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a follow-up workshop and seeking written commentary on a number of relevant issues, including: (1) Web sites' current actual practices in the collection, compilation, sale, and use of consumers' personal information, including information about children; (2) current implementation of self-regulatory efforts to address online privacy, including proposals presented at the June 1996 Workshop; and (3) current design and implementation of technologies intended to enhance online information

privacy. In June 1997, Commission staff convened a follow-up workshop designed to further develop the record on these topics. The transcripts of the 1996 and 1997 workshops, the staff report *Consumer Privacy on the Global Information Infrastructure* (1996), as well as the commentary submitted in connection with the 1997 workshop, are posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov>.

The 1997 workshop demonstrated that consumers are deeply concerned about the privacy and security of their personal information in the online environment. Research presented at the workshop indicates that consumers are looking for greater protections. The workshop testimony showed that members of the online industry are aware of the need to address consumers' concerns. Throughout the series of Commission workshops on these issues, the online industry has argued that self-regulation is the most efficient and effective means of creating online privacy protections. Trade association representatives have made commitments to develop privacy policies as guidance for their members, and to encourage their members to post their own information practices on their Web sites.

The Commission is currently preparing a report to Congress on whether industry proposals demonstrated in the workshops have been translated into broader industry progress toward effective self-regulation. In March 1998, Committee staff will survey commercial Web sites to determine the extent to which these sites, including sites directed to children, are disclosing their information practices and offering consumers choice regarding the collection and use of their personal information online. Staff will also assess existing industry guidelines and principles regarding the online collection and use of consumers' personal information. Staff requests that interested trade associations and industry groups submit their guidelines and principles on or before March 31, 1998 for inclusion in the report. The Commission will report its findings to Congress in June 1998.

#### Availability of Submissions

All guidelines and principles will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Commission regulations, 16 CFR part 4.9, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Public Reference Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, Sixth Street &

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. The Commission will make this notice and, to the extent technically possible, all submissions received in response to this notice, available to the public through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.ftc.gov>. The Commission cannot currently receive submissions responding to this notice over the Internet.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. §§ 41 *et seq.*

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Azcuernaga not participating.

**Donald S. Clark,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-98-4]

#### Fiscal Year 1998 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to further strengthen the national system of legal assistance aimed at supporting the elder rights activities of state and area agencies on aging and at improving the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for four (4) to six (6) projects that build and strengthen the national system of legal assistance which supports the elder rights activities of state and area agencies on aging and which improves the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is May 18, 1998. As provided by Title IV, Section 424(c) of the Older Americans Act, eligibility for grant awards is limited to national nonprofit legal assistance organizations experienced in providing support, on a nationwide basis, to local legal assistance providers.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Elder Rights Protection, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 4270, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/619-0769.

Dated: February 26, 1998.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Notice of Availability of Annual Reports**

In accordance with section 13 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gives notice that annual reports for the following CDC Federal advisory committees have been filed with the Library of Congress:

Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control Injury Research Grant Review Committee

Copies of these reports are available to the public for inspection at the Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room, Room LM 133, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20540-4760, telephone 202/707-5690. Additionally, on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., copies will be available for inspection at the Management Analysis and Services Office, Committee Management and Program Panels Activity, CDC, 4 Executive Park Drive, Suite 1117, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone 404/639-6389. Copies may also be obtained by writing to the CDC Committee Management and Program Panels

Activity (MS E-72), 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Dated: February 27, 1998.  
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*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Office on (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Projects**

*1. National Exposure Registry (0923-0006)—Revision*

The information collected is part of the Agency for Toxic Substances' ongoing National Exposure Registry (NER)—a database composed of a listing

of persons, along with health and demographic information, with documented exposure to selected toxic substances (subregistries). The NER was created in response to a Congressional Superfund mandate to create a registry of persons with exposure to hazardous substances and a registry of persons with illness or health problems as a result of exposure to hazardous substances. The mandate was created because there is little or no information available about the potential health effects of low-level, long-term exposure to hazardous substances on a general population—such as is found at waste sites. Unlike most occupationally exposed populations, this environmentally-exposed population has extremely vulnerable components such as pregnant women, the elderly, those with compromised health, and children.

Since the adverse health effects are not known, neither is the latency period for the potential health effects. Therefore, the NER is a longitudinal project: a baseline and biennial follow-ups that will continue until all parties involved agree the established criteria for ending that chemical specific subregistry have been met. The questionnaire is administered (usually in a personal interview) at baseline; the same questionnaire is administered (using computer assisted interviews) to each registrant longitudinally. The data is compared to national norms at each collection and intrafile comparisons are made over multiple collections. Other than their time to participate, there is no cost to respondents. The period requested is for 3 years. Total average annual burden hours are 5,833.33.

Year	Number of registries	Total Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hrs. per respondent	Total burden (in hrs.)
Year 1 .....	0 updates, 1 new .....	13,000	1	13,000	0.5	6,500
Year 2 .....	1 update, 0 new .....	13,000	1	13,000	0.5	6,500
Year 3 .....	4 updates, 0 new .....	9,000	1	9,000	0.5	4,500

*2. Information Collection To Establish Community Assistance Panels (CAPs)—(0923-0007); Extension*

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is mandated pursuant to the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and its 1986 Amendments, The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from the exposure to hazardous substances into

the environment. To facilitate this effort, ATSDR seeks the cooperation of the community being evaluated through direct communication and interaction. Direct community involvement is required to conduct a comprehensive scientific study and to effectively disseminate specific health information in a timely manner. Also, this direct interaction fosters a clear understanding of health issues that the community considers to be of importance and establishes credibility for the agency. The Community Assistance Panel

nominations forms are completed by individuals in the community to nominate themselves or others for participation on these panels. Other than the possible cost of a postage stamp, there is no cost to respondents. This request is for a 3-year extension of the current OMB approval of the Community Assistance Panel nominations form. Total annual burden hours are 200.