

the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 7, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. First Business Bancshares, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; to acquire 51 percent of the voting shares of The Business Banc Group, Ltd. (in formation), Brookfield, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First Business Bank-Milwaukee, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

In connection with this application, The Business Banc Group, Ltd., Brookfield, Wisconsin, also has applied to become a bank holding company.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. National Penn Bancshares, Inc., Boyertown, Pennsylvania; to acquire indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiary, NPB New Jersey, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey, 100 percent of the voting shares of Pansia Bank, Fort Lee, New Jersey. In connection with this application, NPB New Jersey, Inc., has applied to become a bank holding company.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. NBM Corp Employee Stock Ownership Plan, McAlester, Oklahoma; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 30.48 percent of the voting shares of NBM Corp, McAlester, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank N.A., McAlester, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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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, including the companies listed below, 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 April 7, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervision) 145 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. BancFirst Ohio Corp., Zanesville, Ohio; to acquire Milton Federal Financial Corporation, West Milton, Ohio, and its subsidiary, Milton Federal Savings Bank, West Milton, Ohio, and thereby engage in permissible savings association activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y. Applicant would merge Milton Federal Savings Bank, West Milton, Ohio, with and into the applicant's banking subsidiary, The First National Bank of Zanesville, Zanesville, Ohio.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 12:00 noon, Monday, March 20, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01001]

Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 2001

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for training grants in occupational safety and health. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" priority area of occupational safety and health. The goal of the program is to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of

the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The specific program objective is to provide financial assistance to eligible institutions or agencies to assist in providing an adequate supply of qualified professional occupational safety and health personnel. Projects are supported for Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center Training Grants (ERCs) and for Long-Term Training Project Grants (TPGs). In FY 2001, a total of approximately \$13,900,000 is available for award. Of this total, approximately \$2,510,000 is available for competing continuation or new awards. The balance of approximately \$11,390,000 is available for non-competing continuation awards.

B. Eligible Applicants

Any public or private educational or training agency or institution that has demonstrated competency in the occupational safety and health field and is located in a State, the District of Columbia, or U.S. Territory is eligible to apply for an institutional training grant.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds and Types of Training Awards

In total, approximately \$2,510,000 is expected to be available in FY 2001 to fund ERC and TPG programs as described below:

1. For ERCs: Approximately \$1,960,000 of the total funds available will be utilized as follows:

a. Approximately \$600,000 is available to award one competing continuation or new ERC grant. Awards range from \$400,000 to \$800,000 with the average award being \$600,000.

b. Approximately \$300,000 is available to award supplemental funds to five competing continuation or new training grants; three of the awards are planned for \$180,000 for Hazardous Substance Academic Training Programs and two of the awards are planned for \$120,000 for Hazardous Substance Training Programs. The awards are to support the development and presentation of continuing education and short courses and academic curricula for trainees and professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to provide training and education for occupational safety and health and other professional personnel engaged in the evaluation,

management, and handling of hazardous substances. This program is supported with funds transferred from NIEHS to NIOSH through the Interagency Agreement entitled "Development and Implementation of a Training Program for Hazardous Substances".

c. Approximately \$60,000 is available to award supplemental funds to one competing continuation or new training grant. These awards will support the development of specialized educational programs in agricultural safety and health within the existing core disciplines of industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, occupational health nursing, and occupational safety.

d. Approximately \$1,000,000 is available to award supplemental funds to fifteen competing continuation or new grants to support the enhancement of the ERC research training mission through the support of pilot project research training programs. The pilot projects should be related to the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA).

2. For TPGs: Approximately \$550,000 of the total funds available will be utilized as follows:

a. To award approximately ten competing continuation or new TPG grants. Awards will range from approximately \$20,000 to \$100,000, with the average award being \$55,000. These awards will support academic programs in the core disciplines (i.e., industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational/industrial medicine, and occupational safety and ergonomics) and relevant components (e.g., occupational injury prevention, industrial toxicology, ergonomics). These awards are intended to augment the scope, enrollment, and quality of training programs rather than to replace funds already available for current operations.

3. It is expected that awards will begin on or about July 1, 2001 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Program Requirements

The following are intended to serve as applicant requirements:

1. An ERC shall be an identifiable organizational unit within the sponsoring organization. Applicants must meet the following characteristics in order to be considered responsive. If the characteristics are not met, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed.

a. Cooperative arrangements with a: medical school or teaching hospital (with an established program in preventive or occupational medicine); school of nursing or its equivalent; school of public health or its equivalent; or school of engineering or its equivalent. It is expected that other schools or departments with relevant disciplines and resources shall be represented and shall contribute as appropriate to the conduct of the total program, e.g., epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics, environmental health, law, business administration, and education. Specific mechanisms to implement the cooperative arrangements between departments, schools/colleges, universities, etc., shall be demonstrated in order to assure that the intended multidisciplinary training and education will be engendered.

b. An ERC Director who possesses a demonstrated capacity for sustained productivity and leadership in occupational health and safety education and training. The Director shall oversee the general operation of the ERC Program and shall, to the extent possible, directly participate in training activities. A Deputy Director shall be responsible for managing the daily administrative duties of the ERC and to increase the ERC Director's availability to ERC staff and to the public.

c. Program Directors who are full-time faculty and professional staff representing various disciplines and qualifications relevant to occupational safety and health who are capable of planning, establishing, and carrying out or administering training projects undertaken by the ERC. Each academic program, as well as the continuing education and outreach program, shall have a Program Director.

d. Faculty and staff with demonstrated training and research expertise, appropriate facilities and ongoing training and research activities in occupational safety and health areas.

e. A program for conducting education and training in four core disciplines: occupational physicians, occupational health nurses, industrial hygienists, and occupational safety personnel. There shall be a minimum of five full-time students or full-time equivalent students in each of the core programs, with a goal of a minimum of 30 full-time students (total in all of core and component programs together). ERCs are encouraged to recruit and train minority students to help address the under-representation of minorities among the occupational safety and health professional workforce. Although it is desirable for an ERC to have the full range of core programs, an ERC with a

minimum of three academic programs of which two are in the core disciplines is eligible for support providing it is demonstrated that students will be exposed to the principles and issues of all four core disciplines. In order to maximize the unique strengths and capabilities of institutions, consideration will be given to the development of: new and innovative academic programs that are relevant to the occupational safety and health field, *e.g.*, ergonomics, industrial toxicology, occupational injury prevention, and occupational epidemiology; and to innovative technological approaches to training and education. ERCs must also document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. Each core program curriculum shall include courses from non-core categories as well as appropriate clinical rotations and field experiences with public health and safety agencies and with labor-management health and safety groups. Where possible, field experience shall involve students representing other disciplines in a manner similar to that used in team surveys and other team approaches. ERCs should address the importance of providing training and education content related to special populations at risk, including minority workers and other sub-populations specified in the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) special populations at risk category.

f. A specific plan describing how trainees in core and component academic programs will be exposed to the principles of all other occupational safety and health core and allied disciplines. Consortium ERCs generally have geographic, policy and other barriers to achieving this ERC characteristic and, therefore, must give special, innovative, attention to thoroughly describing the approach for fulfilling the multidisciplinary interaction between students.

g. Demonstrated impact of the ERC on the curriculum taught by relevant medical specialties, including family practice, internal medicine, dermatology, orthopedics, pathology, radiology, neurology, perinatal medicine, psychiatry, etc., and on the curriculum of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education of primary core disciplines as well as relevant medical specialties and the curriculum of other schools such as engineering, business, and law.

h. An outreach program to interact with and help other institutions or agencies located within the region. Programs shall be designed to address

regional needs and implement innovative strategies for meeting those needs. Partnerships and collaborative relationships shall be encouraged between ERCs and TPGs. Programs to address the under-representation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals shall be encouraged. Specific efforts should be made to conduct outreach activities to develop collaborative training programs with academic institutions serving minority and other special populations, such as Tribal Colleges and Universities, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Examples of outreach activities might include activities such as: Interaction with other colleges and schools within the ERC and with other universities or institutions in the region to integrate occupational safety and health principles and concepts within existing curricula (*e.g.*, Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering, Architecture, Law, and Arts and Sciences); exchange of occupational safety and health faculty among regional educational institutions; providing curriculum materials and consultation for curriculum/course development in other institutions; use of a visiting faculty program to involve labor and management leaders; cooperative and collaborative arrangements with professional societies, scientific associations, and boards of accreditation, certification, or licensure; and presentation of awareness seminars to undergraduate and secondary educational institutions (*e.g.*, high school science fairs and career days) as well as to labor, management and community associations.

i. A specific plan for preparing, distributing and conducting courses, seminars and workshops to provide short-term and continuing education training courses for physicians, nurses, industrial hygienists, safety engineers and other occupational safety and health professionals, paraprofessionals and technicians, including personnel from labor-management health and safety committees, in the geographical region in which the ERC is located. The goal shall be that the training be made available to a minimum of 400 trainees per year representing all of the above categories of personnel, on an approximate proportional basis with emphasis given to providing occupational safety and health training to physicians in family practice, as well as industrial practice, industrial nurses, and safety engineers. Priority shall be given to establishing new and innovative training technologies,

including distance learning programs and to short-term programs designed to prepare a cadre of practitioners in occupational safety and health. Where appropriate, it shall be professionally acceptable that Continuing Education Units (as approved by appropriate professional associations) may be awarded. These courses should be structured so that higher educational institutions, public health and safety agencies, professional societies or other appropriate agencies can utilize them to provide training at the local level to occupational health and safety personnel working in the workplace. Further, the ERC shall conduct periodic training needs assessments, shall develop a specific plan to meet these needs, and shall have demonstrated capability for implementing such training directly and through other institutions or agencies in the region. The ERC should establish and maintain cooperative efforts with labor unions, government agencies, and industry trade associations, where appropriate, thus serving as a regional resource for addressing the problems of occupational safety and health that are faced by State and local governments, labor and management.

j. A Board of Advisors or Consultants representing the user and affected population, including representatives of labor, industry, government agencies, academic institutions and professional associations, shall be established by the ERC. The Board should meet at least annually to advise an ERC Executive Committee and to provide periodic evaluation of ERC activities. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the ERC Director and Deputy Director, academic Program Directors, the Directors for Continuing Education and Outreach and others whom the ERC Director may appoint to assist in governing the internal affairs of the ERC.

k. A plan to incorporate research training into all aspects of training and, in research institutions, as documented by on-going funded research and faculty publications, a defined research training plan for training doctoral-level researchers in the occupational safety and health field. The plan will include how the ERC intends to strengthen existing research training efforts, how it will integrate research training activities into the curriculum, field and clinical experiences, how it will expand these research activities to have an impact on other primarily clinically-oriented disciplines, such as nursing and medicine, and how it will build on and utilize existing research opportunities in the institution. Each ERC is required to identify or develop a minimum of one,

preferably more, areas of research focus related to work environment problems. Consideration shall be given to the CDC/NIOSH priority research areas identified in the National Occupational Health Research Agenda (NORA). Further information regarding NORA may be found at the CDC/NIOSH home page: <<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh>>. The research training plan will address how students will be instructed and instilled with critical research perspectives and skills. This training will emphasize the importance of developing and working on interdisciplinary teams appropriate for addressing a research issue. It should also prepare students with the skill necessary for developing research protocols, pilot studies, outreach efforts to transfer research findings into practice, and successful research proposals. Such components of research training will require the ERCs to strive toward developing the faculty composition and administrative infrastructure essential to being Centers of Excellence in Occupational Safety and Health Research Training that are required to train research leaders of the future. The plan should address the incremental growth of such elements and evaluation of the plan commensurate with funds available. In addition to the research training components, the plan will also include such items as specific strategies for obtaining student and faculty funding, plans for acquiring equipment, if appropriate, and a plan for developing research-oriented faculty.

1. Evidence in obtaining support from other sources, including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

2. TPG applicants must document that the program covers an occupational safety and health discipline in critical need or meets a specific regional workforce need. There shall be a minimum of three full-time students or full-time equivalent students in each academic program. Applicants should address the importance of providing training and education content related to special populations at risk, including minority and disadvantaged workers. The types of training currently eligible for support are:

a. Graduate training for practice, teaching, and research careers in occupational safety and health. Priority will be given to programs producing graduates in areas of greatest occupational safety and health need. Strong consideration will be given to the establishment of innovative training

technologies including distance learning programs.

b. Undergraduate and other pre-baccalaureate training providing trainees with capabilities for positions in occupational safety and health professions.

c. Special technical or other programs for long-term training of occupational safety and health technicians or specialists.

E. Application Content

Competing Applications

Use the information in the Program Requirements and Other Requirements sections to develop the application content.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out the program plan. The narrative should be no more than 15 single-spaced pages per program, printed on one side, with one inch margins, and un-reduced font.

Note: Please consult the detailed Recommended Outline for Preparation of Competing New/Renewal Training Grant Applications provided in each application kit (CDC 2.145 A).

F. Submission and Deadline

Applications should be clearly identified as an application for an ERC Training Grant or TPG Training Grant.

Application

Submit the original and two copies of CDC 2.145 A—ERC or TPG (OMB Number 0920–00261). Forms are in the application kit. Forms and instructions are also available on the CDC home page <<http://www.cdc.gov>>. On or before July 3, 2000, Submit the application to:

Sonia Phelix, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341–4146, Telephone: (770) 488–2724, Email address: svp1@cdc.gov.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group.

(Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall

not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (a) or (b) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria. The initial peer review will be conducted by Special Training Review Committees by means of a panel meeting or site visit. The purpose of the initial review is to obtain basic information regarding elements of the proposed training grant program and to provide a technical report as input to the Special Emphasis Panel. The final official peer review will be conducted by a Special Emphasis Panel appointed by CDC.

In reviewing ERC grant applications, the evaluation criteria are as follows:

1. Plans to satisfy the regional needs for training in the areas outlined by the application, including projected enrollment, recruitment and current workforce populations. Special consideration should be given to the development of programs addressing the under-representation of minorities among occupational safety and health professionals. Indicators of regional need should include measures utilized by the ERC such as previous record of training and placement of graduates. The need for supporting students in allied disciplines must be specifically justified in terms of user community requirements.

2. Extent to which arrangements for day-to-day management, allocation of funds and cooperative arrangements are designed to effectively achieve the “Characteristics of an Education and Research Center”.

3. The establishment of new and innovative programs and approaches to training and education relevant to the occupational safety and health field and based on documentation that the program meets specific regional workforce needs. In reviewing such proposed programs, consideration shall be given to the developing nature of the program and its capability to produce graduates who will meet such workforce needs.

4. Extent to which curriculum content and design includes formalized training objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course descriptions, course sequence, additional related courses open to occupational safety and health students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, and the nature of

specific field and clinical experiences including their relationships with didactic programs in the educational process.

5. Academic training including the number of full-time and part-time students and graduates for each core and component program, the placement of graduates, employment history, and their current location by type of institution (academic, industry, labor, etc.). Previous continuing education training in each discipline and outreach activity and assistance to groups within the ERC region.

6. Methods in use or proposed methods for evaluating the effectiveness of training and outreach including the use of placement services and feedback mechanisms from graduates as well as employers, innovative strategies for meeting regional needs, critiques from continuing education courses, and reports from consultations and cooperative activities with other universities, professional associations, and other outside agencies.

7. Competence, experience and training of the ERC Director, the Deputy ERC Director, the Program Directors and other professional staff in relation to the type and scope of training and education involved.

8. Institutional commitment to ERC goals.

9. Academic and physical environment in which the training will be conducted, including access to appropriate occupational settings.

10. Appropriateness of the budget required to support each academic component of the ERC program, including a separate budget for the academic staff's time and effort in continuing education and outreach.

11. Evidence of the integration of research experience into the curriculum, and field and clinical experiences. In institutions seeking funds for doctoral and post-doctoral (physician training) level research training, evidence of a plan describing the research and research training the ERC proposes. This shall include goals, elements of the program, research faculty and amount of effort, support faculty, facilities and equipment available and needed, and methods for implementing and evaluating the program.

12. Evidence of success in attaining outside support to supplement the ERC grant funds including other Federal grants, support from States and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

13. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the ERC and its

programs have had on the DHHS Region. Examples could include a continuing education needs assessment, a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, the impact on primary care practice and training, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

14. Past performance based on evaluation of the most recent CDC/NIOSH Objective Review Summary Statement and the grant application Progress Report (Competing Continuation applications only).

In reviewing supplements to ERC grants, consideration will be given to:

1. *Hazardous Substance Training Program in Education and Research Centers*—The evaluation criteria are as follows:

a. Relevance of the proposed project to each element of the characteristics of a hazardous substance training program.

b. Comprehensiveness and soundness of the training plan developed to carry out the proposed activities required under the NIOSH/NIEHS Interagency Agreement. This is based on a documented need for the training and evidence to support the approach used to provide the required training. It includes descriptions of the scope and magnitude of the hazardous substance problem in the applicable DHHS Region and current activities and training efforts.

c. Education and experience of the Project Director, faculty, and staff assigned to this project with respect to handling, managing or evaluating hazardous substance sites and to the training of professionals in this field.

d. Creativity and innovation of the project leadership with respect to marketing the courses, structure in attracting trainees and/or providing incentives for training.

e. Extent to which the applicant considered the work of relevant agencies involved in hazardous substance activities, including EPA, and cooperated with these agencies in developing and implementing this training program.

f. Suitability of facilities and equipment available for this project.

g. Appropriateness of the budget to carry out the planned activities.

2. *Agricultural Safety and Health Education Programs in Education and Research Centers*—The evaluation criteria are as follows:

a. Evidence of a needs assessment directed to the overall contribution of

the training program toward meeting the job market, especially within the applicant's region, for qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The needs assessment should consider the regional requirements for outreach, continuing education, information dissemination and special industrial or community training needs that may be peculiar to the region.

b. Evidence of a plan to satisfy the regional needs for training in the areas outlined by the application, including projected enrollment, recruitment and current workforce populations. The need for supporting students in allied disciplines must be specifically justified in terms of user community requirements.

c. The extent to which arrangements for day-to-day management, allocation of funds and cooperative arrangements are designed to effectively achieve characteristics of an ERC.

d. The extent to which curriculum content and design includes formalized training objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course descriptions, course sequence, additional related courses open to occupational safety and health students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, and the nature of specific field and clinical experiences including their relationships with didactic programs in the educational process.

e. Previous record of academic training in agricultural safety and health including the number of full-time and part-time students and graduates, the placement of graduates, employment history, and their current location by type of institution (academic, industry, labor, etc.). Previous record of continuing education training in agricultural safety and health and record of outreach activity and assistance to agricultural groups within the ERC region.

f. Methods in use or proposed for evaluating the effectiveness of training and services including the use of placement services and feedback mechanisms from graduates as well as employers, critiques from continuing education courses, and reports from consultations and cooperative activities with other universities, professional associations, and other outside agencies.

g. The competence, experience and training of the Program Director and other professional staff in relation to the type and scope of training and education involved.

h. Institutional commitment to Center goals.

i. Academic and physical environment in which the training will be conducted, including access to appropriate occupational agricultural settings.

j. Appropriateness of the budget required to support each academic component of the ERC program, including a separate budget for the academic staff's time and effort in continuing education and outreach.

k. Evidence of a plan describing the agricultural safety and health training the Center proposes. This shall include goals, elements of the program, faculty and amount of effort, support faculty, facilities and equipment available and needed, and methods for implementing and evaluating the program.

l. Evidence of success in attaining outside support to supplement the ERC grant funds including other federal grants, support from states and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

3. *Hazardous Substance Academic Training Program in Education and Research Centers*—The evaluation criteria are as follows:

a. Evidence of a needs assessment directed to the overall contribution of the proposed training program toward meeting the needs of the job market, especially within the applicant's region. The needs assessment should consider the regional requirements for hazardous substance training, information dissemination and special industrial, labor or community training needs that may be peculiar to the region.

b. Evidence of a plan to satisfy regional needs for training in the areas outlined by the application, including Program projected enrollment and recruitment and current workforce populations.

c. The extent to which the HSAT curriculum content and design includes: Formalized training objectives; minimal course content to achieve a degree or successful completion of the specialty area requirements; course descriptions; course sequence; additional related courses open to occupational safety and health students; time devoted to lecture, laboratory, and field experience; and the nature of specific field and clinical experiences including their relationships with didactic programs in the educational process.

d. Previous record of academic and/or short course training delivered in the hazardous substances field, including the number and type of students trained. Previous record of hazardous substances outreach activity and

assistance to hazardous substance groups within the ERC's region.

e. Methods in use or proposed for evaluating the effectiveness of training and services including the use of placement services and feedback mechanisms from graduates as well as employers, student evaluations from academic and continuing education courses, and reports from consultations and cooperative activities with other universities, professional associations, and other outside agencies.

f. The competence, experience and training of the Program Director and other professional staff in relation to the type and scope of training and education involved.

g. Institutional commitment to HSAT Program goals.

h. Academic and physical environment in which the training will be conducted.

i. Appropriateness of the budget required to support the training courses developed, including accounting for the academic staff's time.

j. Evidence of a plan describing the hazardous substances academic training the Center proposes. This shall include goals, elements of the program, faculty and amount of effort, support faculty, facilities and equipment available and needed, and methods for implementing and evaluating the program.

k. Evidence of success in attaining outside support to supplement the ERC grant funds including other federal grants, support from states and other public agencies, and support from the private sector including grants from foundations and corporate endowments, chairs, and gifts.

4. *ERC Supplemental Pilot Project Research Training Programs*—The evaluation criteria are as follows:

a. Relevance of the proposed program, including objectives that are specific and consistent.

b. Adequacy of the plan proposed to conduct the pilot projects program, including procedures for reviewing and funding projects, the scientific review mechanism, program quality assurance. Human Subjects—Are the procedures proposed adequate for the protection of human subjects and are they fully documented? Are all procedures in compliance with applicable published regulations?

c. Extent to which the applicant demonstrates collaboration with other research training institutions in the region, including NIOSH Training Project Grantees.

d. Education and experience of the proposed Research Training Program Director and faculty in the occupational safety and health field, including the

utilization of pilot projects as a research training mechanism.

e. Appropriateness of the proposed budget to carry out the planned activities.

f. Adequacy of the plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed pilot projects program.

g. Gender and minority issues—Are plans to include both sexes and minorities and their subgroups adequately developed (as appropriate for the scientific goals of the project)? Are strategies included for the recruitment and retention of human subjects? (See Attachment 1, AR-2—Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research.)

In reviewing TPG applications, the evaluation criteria are as follows:

1. Need for training in the program area outlined by the application. This should include documentation of a plan for student recruitment, projected enrollment, job opportunities, regional need both in quality and quantity, and for programs addressing the under-representation of minorities in the profession of occupational safety and health.

2. Potential contribution of the project toward meeting the needs for graduate or specialized training in occupational safety and health.

3. Curriculum content and design which should include formalized program objectives, minimal course content to achieve certificate or degree, course sequence, related courses open to students, time devoted to lecture, laboratory and field experience, nature and the interrelationship of these educational approaches. There should also be evidence of integration of research experience into the curriculum, and field and clinical experiences.

4. Previous records of training in this or related areas, including placement of graduates.

5. Methods proposed to evaluate effectiveness of the training.

6. Degree of institutional commitment: Is grant support necessary for program initiation or continuation? Will support gradually be assumed? Is there related instruction that will go on with or without the grant?

7. Adequacy of facilities (classrooms, laboratories, library services, books, and journal holdings relevant to the program, and access to appropriate occupational settings).

8. Competence, experience, training, time commitment to the program and availability of faculty to advise students, faculty/student ratio, and teaching loads of the program director and teaching faculty in relation to the type and scope

of training involved. The program director must be a full-time faculty member.

9. Admission Requirements: Student selection standards and procedures, student performance standards and student counseling services.

10. Advisory Committee: Membership, industries and labor groups represented; how often they meet; who they advise, role in designing curriculum and establishing program need. The Committee should meet at least annually to provide advice and periodic evaluation of TPG activities.

11. Evidence of a strategy to evaluate the impact that the program has had on the region. Examples could include a workforce needs survey, consultation and research programs provided to address regional occupational safety and health problems, a program graduate data base to track the contributions of graduates to the occupational safety and health field, and the cost effectiveness of the program.

12. Past performance based on evaluation of the most recent CDC/NIOSH Objective Review Summary Statement and the grant application Progress Report (Competing Continuation applications only).

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements
Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. progress reports (annual and may be incorporated as component of non-competing continuation applications);
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. final financial status and progress reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Sonia Phelix, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office.

Announcement 01001

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment 1 in the application kit.

- AR-1* Human Subjects Requirements
- AR-2* Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR-3* Animal Subjects Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2010

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

* =Applies to ERC Supplemental Pilot Project Research Training Program applications only.

Data collection initiated under this training grant program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Number 0920-0261. "Training Grants, Application and Regulations—42 CFR Part 86," Expiration Date 11/30/2000.

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 21(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act [29 U.S.C. 670 (a)]. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.263.

J. Where to Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements are available through the CDC homepage on the Internet. The address for the CDC home page is: <<http://www.cdc.gov>>.

Please refer to Program Announcement 01001 and specify ERC or TPG when you request information. To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the announcement number of interest. If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Sonia Phelix, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office.

Announcement 01001

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2724, E-mail address: svp1@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: John T. Talty, Principal Engineer, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop C-7, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998, telephone (513) 533-8241, E-mail address: jtt2@cdc.gov.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Linda Rosenstock,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF-PA-CC-2000-01A]

Fiscal Year 2000 Discretionary Announcement of the Availability of Funds and Request for Applications for Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects, Child Care Policy Research Partnerships, Child Care Research Scholars, and the Child Care Research Fellowship Program, Correction

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

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the Notice that was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, January 27, 2000, Part III (65 FR 4495). On page 4500, first column, the mailing address for submission of applications is incorrect. The correct address for applicants who intend to apply, and for the submission and delivery of applications, should be changed to the following: ACYF Operations Center, Laurel Consulting Group, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The ACYF Operation Center at 1-800-351-2293 or send an email to ccb@lcg.com. You can also contact Dr. Patricia L. Divine, Program Specialist, Child Care Bureau, by email at pdivine@acf.dhhs.gov or by phone at (202) 690-6705.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Medical Child Support Working Group

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is given of the date for the eighth meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group (MCSWG). The Medical Child Support Working Group