

**Respondents:** Research Institutions; **Burden Information—Number of Respondents:** 500; **Burden per Response:** 10 minutes; **Total Burden:** 84 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Solicitation of Proposals To Add to or Modify the List of United States Ports at Which Rodent Infestation Inspections Will Be Conducted and Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** CDC is soliciting proposals to add additional ports to or otherwise modify the list of those at which it will conduct rodent infestation inspection of ships and issue Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates. While the United States does not require these certificates for ships to enter its seaports, Article 17 of the International Health Regulations requires that the U.S. provide these services, and 42 CFR 71.46 authorizes their performance by CDC through the Public Health Service (PHS).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James E. Barrow, Chief, Program Operations Branch, Division of Quarantine, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mailstop E03, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-8107, FAX (404) 639-2599, E-mail jeb1@cdc.gov.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 264-271, 42 CFR 71.46, IHR Articles 17 and 53.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Purpose and Background

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit comments on adding to or otherwise modifying the list of United States ports at which CDC will conduct rodent infestation inspections of ships and issue Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates. While the United States does not require these certificates for ships to enter its seaports, CDC currently provides rodent infestation inspections and issues Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates for ships at 11 major ports upon request. These ports include: Baltimore, MD; Honolulu, HI; Houston, TX; Jacksonville, FL; Los Angeles, CA; Miami, FL; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; San Francisco, CA; Savannah, GA; and Seattle, WA. Article 17 of the International Health Regulations, published by the World Health Organization, Geneva, requires that each Health Administration provide these services, and Article 82 outlines the criteria for charging fees; 42 CFR 71.46 authorizes the performance of these services by PHS as carried out by CDC. For many years, CDC provided these services at no cost to the owners or agents of ships requesting them.

Consistent with the practice of most foreign countries, and to reduce the cost of the inspection program, beginning on October 1, 1997, CDC consolidated its inspection activities to include only the ports listed above (**Federal Register:** April 9, 1998 (63 FR 17427)). Further, beginning on June 6, 1999, CDC imposed user fees for inspections conducted at the above listed ports (**Federal Register:** May 7, 1999 (64 FR 24658)).

### Applicability

User fees will continue to be applicable to all rodent infestation inspections conducted by CDC or its vendors.

Proposal for the addition of ports for conducting rodent infestation inspections and issuing Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates.

Shipping companies, agents, and all other interested parties are invited to submit proposals for the addition of ports to the list at which rodent infestation inspections will be conducted by CDC or its vendors, and Deratting or Deratting Exemption Certificates issued pursuant to those inspections. Proposals to delete or modify ports on the current list may also be submitted and will be considered. Proposals should be in the following format and should include all

supporting information that is to be considered by CDC:

1. Port.
2. Estimated annual number of inspections to be conducted at this port.
3. Estimated annual cost savings to shipping interests attributable to services at this port.
4. Narrative justification and additional supporting information.

Any addition to or modification of the list of ports at which services will be provided will be at the sole discretion of CDC. Information submitted will be considered, along with the availability and suitability of potential vendors at the ports proposed for addition or modification. The user fee charged for services at all ports may be affected by the cost of vendor-provided services at any added or modified ports.

Dated: September 7, 2000.

**Thena M. Durham,**

*Director, Executive Secretariat, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

#### Proposed Projects

**Title:** National Directory of New Hires.

**OMB No.** 0970-0166.

**Description:** Public Law 104-193, the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," requires the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) to operate a National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) to improve the ability of State child support agencies to locate noncustodial parents and collect child support across State lines. The law requires States to periodically transmit new hire data received from employers to the NDNH, and to transmit quarterly wage and unemployment compensation claims data to the NDNH on a quarterly basis. States transmit all data to the NDNH electronically.

**Respondents:** Employers, State child support agencies, State Employment Security agencies.

## ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per responses	Total burden hours
New Hire: Employers Reporting Manually .....	5,166,000	3.484	.0417 hours (2.5 minutes) .....	750,531
New Hire: Employers Reporting Electronically	1,134,000	37.037	.00028 hours (1 second) .....	11,760
New Hire: States .....	54	83.333	266.668 hours .....	1,200,001
Quarterly Wage & Unemployment Compensation.	54	4	.033 hours (2 minutes) .....	7.13
Multistate Employers' Notification Form .....	2052	1	.050 hours (3 minutes) .....	102.6

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,962,402.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: September 6, 2000.

**Bob Sargis,**  
Reports Clearance Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and Families****[Notice of Program Announcement No. ACF/ACYF 2001-02]****Fiscal Year 2001 Discretionary Announcement for Select Areas of Early Head Start; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications**

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Fiscal Year 2001 Early Head Start availability of financial assistance for select areas and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces financial assistance to be competitively awarded to local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities—including Early Head Start and Head Start grantees—to provide child and family development services for low-income families with children under age three and pregnant women. Early Head Start programs provide early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services on a year-round basis to low-income families. The purpose of the Early Head Start program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; to support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and to help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

The funds available will be competitively awarded to eligible applicants to operate Early Head Start programs in select service areas.

Grants will be competitively awarded to eligible applicants, including current Head Start and Early Head Start grantees, to operate Early Head Start programs in geographic areas currently served by existing Early Head Start research grantees which were first funded in fiscal years 1995 and 1996 and other Early Head Start grantees first funded in fiscal year 1996 (see list

below for the geographic areas). In awarding these grants, ACYF is interested in assuring that communities currently served by these existing grantees will have an opportunity to continue receiving services to low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women through Early Head Start. Applicants in each geographic area will compete for funds against other applicants wishing to serve the same geographic area. There are 83 such competitive areas.

**DATES:** The closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. EST on November 13, 2000.

**Note:** Applications should be submitted to the ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209. However, prior to preparing and submitting an application, in order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement, it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement which is available through the addresses listed below.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the program announcement, necessary application forms, and appendices can be obtained by contacting: Early Head Start, ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300 Arlington, Virginia 22209. The telephone number is 1-800-351-2293, or email to: [ehs@lcgnet.com](mailto:ehs@lcgnet.com).

Copies of the program announcement and necessary application forms can be downloaded from the Head Start web site at: [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209 or telephone: 1-800-351-2293 or email to: [ehs@lcgnet.com](mailto:ehs@lcgnet.com)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Eligible Applicants:** Applicants eligible to apply to become an Early Head Start program are local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities. Early Head Start and Head Start grantees are eligible to apply.

**Project Duration:** The competitive awards made through this announcement will be for one-year budget periods and an indefinite project period. Subsequent year budget awards