Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), for the construction of a new Port of Entry facility at Peace Arch in the City of Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington.

Procedures: This project is at the feasibility stage and has not been approved by Congress. A scoping meeting is being held at this time to ensure that all significant environmental issues are identified and thoroughly studied as part of the environmental analysis. This will be the second scoping meeting about the new Port of Entry. The first scoping meeting was held on August 11, 1999. Numerous responses were received at the meeting, and in the weeks following the meeting. Based on that input, new alternatives for the new Peace Arch Port of Entry were developed and will be presented at the second scoping meeting. When the prospectus for the project is submitted to Congress for approval and funding, it will take into consideration these significant issues.

The EIS will evaluate the proposed project, including all reasonable alternatives identified through the scoping process and a no-action alternative. The scoping process will be accomplished through direct mailing correspondence to interested persons, agencies, and organizations, notices in local newspapers and through a public scoping meeting. The public scoping meeting will be held on April 12, 2001 at the Blaine Community Senior center located at 763 G Street, Blaine, Washington at 7:00 pm following an open house beginning at 6:00 pm. GSA will publish a public notice of the meeting in Blaine newspapers approximately two weeks prior to the events. Scoping will be limited to identifying significant issues to be analyzed in the environmental document and commenting on alternatives and the merit of the proposal.

Additional public meetings will be held after the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and GSA will respond to all relevant comments received during the 45-day public comment period in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. After a minimum 30-day period following publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, GSA will issue a Record of Decision that will identify the alternative selected.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GSA, assisted by Herrera Environmental Consultants, will prepare the Environmental Impact Statement. GSA will serve as the lead agency and scoping will be conducted consistent with NEPA regulations and guidelines. GSA invites interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in defining and identifying any significant impacts and issues to be studied in the EIS, including social, economic, or environmental concerns.

Project Purpose, Historical Background, and Description: The US Customs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Dept of Agriculture are currently located in the existing Peace Arch Port of Entry facility. The existing facility does not currently meet the tenant agencies space requirement due to the present configuration of the site. The existing facility cannot be adapted to accommodate the required space needs of the agency tenants.

Alternatives: The EIS will examine the short- and long-term impacts on the natural and physical environment. The impact assessment will include but not be limited to impacts such as social environment, changes in land use, aesthetics, changes in park land, changes in traffic and parking patterns, economic impacts, and consideration of City planning and zoning requirements. The EIS will examine measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts resulting from the proposed action. Concurrent with NEPA implementation, GSA will also implement its consultation responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act to identify potential impacts to existing historic or cultural resources.

The EIS will consider a no-action alternative and action alternatives. The no-action alternative would continue the occupancy in the existing Peace Arch Port of Entry facility in Blaine. The action alternatives will consist of three different configurations for construction of a new Port of Entry facility. The action alternatives reflect varying impacts on highway alignment, railroad changes and adjacent park land.

ADDRESSES: In addition to the public scoping process, you may send written comments on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts to the following address: Michael D. Levine, Regional Environmental Program Manager, 10PCP, General Services Administration, 400 15th Street SW, Auburn, WA, 98001, or fax: Michael D. Levine at 253–931–7308, or e-mail at *Michael.Levine@GSA.GOV* Written comments should be received no later than 45 days after the publishing of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Meerscheidt at Herrera Environmental Consultants, 2200 Sixth Ave, Suite 601, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or call 206–441–9080; or Michael D. Levine, GSA (253) 931–7263.

Mailing List: If you wish to be placed on the project mailing list to receive further information as the EIS process develops, contact John Meerscheidt at the address noted above.

Dated: March 28, 2001.

Bill DuBray,

Acting Regional Administrator (10A).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, with authority to redelegate to the Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, which may be further redelegated, the following authority vested in the Secretary under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106–386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000).

(a) Authority Delegated. Authority to conduct certification activities under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106–386, section 107(b)(1), 114 Stat. 1464, 1475 (2000). In exercising this authority, personnel in the Administration for Children and Families will consult with the Attorney General.

(b) Effect on Existing Delegations. None.

(c) This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations. This delegation of authority is effective upon date of signature. In addition, I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families or any other Administration for Children and Families official which, in effect, involved the exercise of these authorities prior to the effective date of these delegations.

Dated: March 28, 2001.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01032]

Cooperative Agreement Program with the National Blood Data Resource Center; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement program with the National Blood Data Resource Center (NBDRC). This program addresses the ''Healthy People 2010'' focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. For additional information on ''Healthy People 2010'' visit the internet site: *http://www.health.gov/healthypeople.*

The purpose of the program is to continue an active, nationwide study begun in 1997 of recipients of blood products from identified classic or variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) donors to assess the risk of blood-borne transmission of these diseases.

The emergence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its transmission to patients through blood products has led to continued heightened concerns in the United States about blood safety. These concerns increasingly focused on classic and variant CJD when the latter illness emerged in Europe in the mid 1990s, representing spread of the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, commonly called mad cow disease) to humans.

In the late 1990s, these concerns and several characteristics of classic and variant CJD, such as their severity, their transmissibility, the resistence of the agents to disinfection, and the absence of a practical screening test for infection, has led to an evolving blood safety policy concerning these illnesses. In 2000, this policy has included, for example, newly instituted screening criteria that excludes as blood or plasma donors, anyone with a history of being in the United Kingdom for 6 months or longer between 1980 and 1996, the period of greatest risk for human exposure to the agent of BSE. The policy has also provided for withdrawals of blood components derived from donors who subsequently develop either classic or variant CJD.

The blood safety policy in the United States and the Emerging Infectious Disease Plan elucidated the need for surveillance projects to detect and improve the understanding of newly recognized potential threats to public health, and to enable meaningful evaluations of the associated public health prevention efforts.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to NBDRC. No other applications are solicited.

NBDRC is the only presently existing national, nonprofit organization whose primary functions include collecting and disseminating national data about blood and blood products and coordinating information from multiple blood collection sites. Further, the NBDRC is the only organization that has the professional affiliations already in place that will allow it to generalize data to the entire nation and to ensure that no duplication of data occurs.

NBDRC, because of its earlier participation in the CJD Investigational Lookback Study, has unique possession of the personal identifiers of over 100 living recipients of blood components from reported donors who subsequently developed CJD. Further, NBDRC has the personal identifiers on many donor cases of CJD for which recipient reports have been collected. It is this existing data that is critical to the strength of the statistical power and success of this project.

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

Approximately $50,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 2001, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. The funding estimate may change.

A continuation award 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

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities).

1. Recipient Activities

a. Maintain collaborative relationships with U.S. blood banks to identify classic and variant CJD blood donors and gather available, relevant, medical, and demographic information on such donors.

b. Trace classic and variant CJD donor blood components to final disposition.

c. Maintain collaborative relations with final disposition sites and collect vital statistics information from pre-existing records about recipients of the classic or variant CJD blood components.

d. Maintain study information about the recipients of the blood components from classic CJD donors who were previously identified in this study and continue to monitor these recipients' vital status, including the causes of death should they die.

e. Develop a plan that will:

(1) Search national, state, and local organizational databases to match vital statistics and causes of death for the component recipients, including utilizing non-National Death Index databases to confirm the vital status of the component recipients.

(2) Assess the risk of blood-borne transmission of CJD.

f. Publish and disseminate results of the study.

2. CDC Activities

a. Collaborate on investigation, evaluation, and assessment of the reported classic or variant CJD illness in donors and recipients in this project, as appropriate.

b. Provide assistance in development of methodologies and analysis, as needed.

c. Provide technical assistance in data pooling, management, analysis, and interpretation.

d. Assist in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project. The CDC IRB will review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is completed.

E. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 10 double-spaced pages, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced font.