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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Announcement of Tribal Consultation With American Indian/Alaskan Native Tribal Representatives

The Department of Health and Human Services policy on consultation with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Governments and Organizations calls for each Operating Division to convene a meeting with AI/AN Tribal Representatives.

In accordance with Departmental policy on Tribal Consultation with AI/AN Governments and Organizations, the Administration on Aging will be hosting a one-day session to give AI/AN Tribal Representatives and their Title VI Director an opportunity to discuss Indian elder issues related to (1) infrastructure; (2) long term care; and (3) the Older Americans Act Regulations. Participants will have an opportunity to present their recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Aging.

This Tribal Listening Session will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on August 15, 2001 at: Department of Health and Human Services; Hubert Humphrey Building; 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

A final agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

To register and for additional information please contact: M. Yvonne Jackson, Ph.D., Director, Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration on Aging, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 619-2713, Email: Yvonne.Jackson@aoa.gov.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is requested that any special assistance requirements be requested within seventy-two (72) hours of the scheduled Tribal Listening Session.

Purpose: In accordance with Departmental policy on consultation with (AI/AN) Governments and Organizations, AoA will host this meeting to give AI/AN Tribal Representatives an opportunity to discuss the above-mentioned areas and develop recommendations to present to the Assistant Secretary for Aging.

Date and Time: August 15, 2001, 9 am-4 pm est.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will include opening remarks and breakout sessions to discuss Infrastructure and Long Term Care, a general session to share results from the breakout sessions, open mike to discuss the Older Americans Act Regulations and closing remarks.

If you are unable to attend but wish to provide comments or Tribal Resolutions, these may be faxed to M. Yvonne Jackson's attention at (202) 260-1012.

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Norman L. Thompson,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Cooperative Agreement With the World Health Organization/Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO); Notice of the Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for HIV/STD/TB Prevention (NCHSTP), announces the availability of funds for fiscal year (FY) 2001 for a sole source cooperative agreement with the World Health Organization/Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO).

The purpose of this agreement is to help support implementation of the Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE) Initiative, a United States Government program that seeks to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in specific countries within sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Americas. CDC, through the LIFE Initiative, focuses on strengthening the capacity of national AIDS control programs in the areas of (1) HIV primary prevention, (2) HIV care, support, and treatment, and (3) capacity and infrastructure development, especially for surveillance. Countries targeted represent those with the most severe epidemic and the highest number of new infections. They also represent countries where the potential for impact is greatest and where U.S. government agencies are already active. An updated list of partner countries for the CDC-LIFE Initiative is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/gap/default.htm>.

This agreement supports a framework of interventions, grounded in a series of goals and objectives consistent with those established for the international community by the Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS) in support of the International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa (IPAA).

According to recent estimates from UNAIDS and WHO, 36.4 million adults and children were living with HIV by the end of 2000. Of the total estimate, approximately 25.3 million (69 percent of the total world-wide) adults and children were living with AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa alone. As a key partner in the U.S. Government's LIFE Initiative, CDC, through its Global AIDS Program (GAP), is working in a collaborative manner with national governments, USAID and other Federal agencies, and other international donor agency partners to develop programs of assistance to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in LIFE Initiative countries. CDC is establishing partnership and support relationships primarily with national governments in highly affected countries, and with a number of other partner organizations to support country-level action.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the World Health Organization/Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO) in support of LIFE Initiative activities in sub-Saharan Africa. No other applications will be solicited.

WHO's Regional Office for Africa is the most appropriate and qualified agency to conduct a specific set of activities supportive of CDC's LIFE Initiative-related assistance to countries in sub-Saharan Africa because:

1. WHO/AFRO covers the region of the world most heavily impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and is both chartered and uniquely positioned to assist national AIDS control programs and other partners to strengthen national health sector responses to HIV/AIDS.

2. WHO, through its regional office, is a leading partner within the International Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (IPAA) in Africa, an international umbrella effort to increase support and visibility for a multi-lateral emergency response to the AIDS epidemic in Africa. The LIFE Initiative is a key supporter of the IPAA.

3. Through decisions and resolutions of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly, WHO/AFRO's Regional Programme on AIDS (RPA) has been called upon to accelerate its support to the regional