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[Program Announcement 02184]

Monitoring Trends in Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), Tuberculosis (TB), and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Risk Behaviors Among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM): Notice of Availability of Funds; Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funds for a competitive cooperative agreement for Monitoring Trends in Prevalence of STD, TB, and HIV Risk Behaviors among (MSM) in facilities providing health services to this population was published on July 9, 2002, Volume 67, Number 131, pages 45520–45523. The notice is amended as follows: On page 45521, column 3, Paragraph “F. Content”, Letter of Intent (LOI), and on page 45522, column 1, Paragraph “G. Submission and Deadline”, the following change is made: An (LOI) is not required for this program.

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National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program to support development of a National Environmental Public Health Tracking (Surveillance) Program. This program addresses the “Healthy People 2010” focus areas of Environmental Health and Public Health Infrastructure.

The purpose of this program is to (1) develop plans and components of a standards-based, coordinated, and integrated environmental public health tracking (surveillance) system at the state and national level that allows linkage and reporting of health effects

data with human exposure data and environmental hazard data; and (2) to increase environmental public health capacity at the local, state, and national level.

This program deals specifically with chronic diseases and other non-infectious health effects that may be related to exposure to chemicals, physical agents, biomechanical stressors, or biologic toxins in the environment. Appendix I provides background information about environmental public health tracking (surveillance) and further describes the health effects and environmental factors targeted by this program. The need for an environmental public health tracking (surveillance) network was well documented by the Pew Environmental Health Commission in its report “America’s Environmental Health Gap: Why the Country Needs a Nationwide Health Tracking Network”. The Internet address of this report is available in Appendix II.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal for the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH): Increase the understanding of the relationship between environmental exposures and health effects.

This program announcement contains two separate projects, Part A and Part B, in order to accommodate differences in existing environmental public health capacity and infrastructure at the state and local level. The applicant can only apply for Part A or Part B, but not both. These projects will move the nation toward improved environmental public health surveillance and response capacity for development of the National Environmental Public Health Tracking (surveillance) Network:

Part A: Planning, capacity building, and developing or enhancing health effect, exposure, and/or hazard surveillance systems that can be integrated into a statewide and national environmental public health tracking (surveillance) network.

Part B: Developing a blueprint for environmental public health tracking, developing or enhancing exposure and/or health effect surveillance systems and conducting projects to (1) demonstrate feasibility, (2) develop surveillance methods, and (3) assess the utility of linking and reporting health effect data with exposure and/or hazard data for the purpose of guiding appropriate public health action or practice.

Both the CDC and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have other large ongoing efforts to develop, standardize, and promote electronic reporting of data and to improve

collaboration across categorical programs. For example, currently all states have received funding from CDC to move toward implementation of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) (which to date has focused on infectious disease reporting) and bioterrorism preparedness. Appendix II contains the Internet addresses for NEDSS, the Public Health Information Technology Functions and Specifications (for Emergency Preparedness and Bioterrorism), and a list of state NEDSS coordinators. The Internet addresses for information on EPA’s National Environmental Information Exchange Network are also provided in Appendix II.

B. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. 241], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

C. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of States or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia. In consultation with States, assistance may be provided to the local health departments of Chicago IL, Houston TX, New York City, NY, Philadelphia PA, and Los Angeles County CA. Competition is limited to accommodate legislative appropriations language, which specifies capacity development of environmental health at state and local health departments.

These state/local health departments are invited to apply under either Part A or Part B of this announcement, but not both. Only one application will be accepted from eligible applicants.

The intent of this announcement is to build partnerships between and within environmental and health agencies/departments/staff, applicants under both Part A and Part B must demonstrate that their program will be a collaborative effort by including the following with their application:

1. A letter of intent signed by both the state (or local) Secretary/Director of Health or equivalent and the state (or local) Secretary/Director of Environmental Quality/Protection/Natural Resources or the equivalent agency/department confirming that partnerships exist or will be developed:

a. Across Health and Environmental Agencies/Departments. (Evidence of a partnership may be a confirmation of an existing memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Health and Environment that covers activities related to this program announcement).