

to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Applicants to the Adoption Opportunities program are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations. Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the accommodate or explain rule. A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory can be found online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Dated: May 27, 2003.

**Frank Fuentes,**

*Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 2003N-0224]

**Premarket Notification for Food Contact Substances; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following public meeting: FDA Workshop on the Notification Process for Food Contact Substances. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the

food contact notification (FCN) process so that notifiers and/or their representatives, consumer interest groups, and other interested members of the general public can have a better understanding of the FCN process, the information requirements of an FCN, and the common deficiencies to be avoided.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William J. Trotter, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-275), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 202-418-3088, FAX: 202-418-3131, or e-mail: [wjt@cfsan.fda.gov](mailto:wjt@cfsan.fda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

In November 1997, Congress passed the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA). Section 309 of FDAMA amended section 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 348) to establish a notification process for food contact substances (FCSs). An FCS is defined as "any substance intended for use as a component of materials used in manufacturing, packing, packaging, transporting, or holding food if such use is not intended to have a technical effect in such food" (21 U.S.C. 348(h)(6)). The FCN process is used to authorize the marketing of an FCS except where the Secretary determines that submission of a food additive petition is necessary or the Secretary and a manufacturer or supplier agree that a food additive petition may be submitted (21 U.S.C. 348(h)(3)(A)).

Under 21 U.S.C. 348(h), the notification process requires a manufacturer or supplier of an FCS to notify FDA at least 120 days prior to the introduction or delivery for introduction in interstate commerce of an FCS. If FDA does not object to the notification within 120 days, the notification becomes effective (21 U.S.C. 348(h)(2)(A)), and the substance may be legally marketed for the requested use by the notifier (21 U.S.C. 348(a)(3)(B)).

In the **Federal Register** of May 21, 2002 (67 FR 35724), FDA published a final rule amending the food additive regulations regarding the premarket notification process for FCSs. The rule became effective on June 20, 2002, and requires that a notification for an FCS contain sufficient scientific information

to demonstrate that the FCS that is the subject of the notification is safe for the intended use (21 CFR 170.101). Since the inception of the FCN process in 1999, FDA has found that FCNs frequently have deficiencies which cause them to be incomplete. FDA is having this public meeting to discuss the data requirements for an FCN and the commonly observed deficiencies and to assist notifiers and/or their representatives in submitting adequate and complete FCNs.

**II. Registration and Written Questions**

Persons interested in attending the June 25, 2003, meeting should send their registration information (including name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax number) to the contact person (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). To expedite processing, registration information may also be faxed to 202-418-3131 or e-mailed to [wjt@cfsan.fda.gov](mailto:wjt@cfsan.fda.gov). There will be no registration charges for attending the meeting. If you need special accommodations due to disability, please notify the contact person by June 13, 2003.

**III. Availability of Guidance Documents for FCNs**

Administrative, chemistry, and toxicology guidance documents for FCNs are available at the following Web site: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/opa-notf.html>.

**IV. Agenda and Goals**

FDA will present its recommendations for information necessary to make an FCN adequate and complete. Topics to be presented will be broadly divided among the general categories of administrative, chemical, toxicological, and environmental information. The agenda will include the following items:

(1) Administrative: guidance document, an overview of the review process, common FCN deficiencies, Form 3480, confidentiality, one FCS per FCN, and conditions under which a food additive petition should be submitted;

(2) Chemical: guidance document, common FCN deficiencies, approaches for determining migrant levels in food, estimated daily intake, and cumulative estimated daily intake;

(3) Toxicological: guidance document, common FCN deficiencies, acceptable daily intake, risk assessments, structure activity relationships, and recommended testing; and

(4) Environmental: requirements, common FCN deficiencies, categorical

exclusions, and requirements for an environmental assessment.

## V. Comments

Written comments regarding the agenda may be submitted and should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments should be annotated and organized to identify the specific issues to which they refer. These comments should be submitted by June 13, 2003, to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments may also be sent to the Dockets Management Branch at the following e-mail address: [fdadockets@oc.fda.gov](mailto:fdadockets@oc.fda.gov) or via the FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov>.

Dated: June 5, 2003.

**Jeffrey Shuren,**

*Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Fiscal Year 2003 Competitive Cycle for the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program (GPEP)—CFDA 93.191

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program (GGEP) for Fiscal Year 2003.

*Authorizing Legislation:* These applications are solicited under section 755(b)(1)(f) of the Public Health Service Act as amended, and the FY 2003 Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 108-7 which provides \$1.5 million to support graduate geropsychology education programs to train clinical geropsychologists in accredited psychology programs.

*Purpose:* Grants will be awarded to assist eligible entities in meeting the costs to plan, develop, operate, or maintain graduate geropsychology education programs to train clinical geropsychologists to work with underserved elderly populations to foster an integrated approach to health care services and address access for underserved elderly populations. The

Graduate Geropsychology Education Program addresses the interrelatedness of behavior and health and the critical need for integrated health care services for the underserved elderly. Funding may be made available to doctoral programs, doctoral internship programs, and post-doctoral residency programs accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible entities: accredited health profession schools, universities, and other public or private nonprofit entities. Applicant programs must be accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). As provided in section 750, to be eligible to receive assistance, the eligible entity must use such assistance in collaboration with two or more disciplines.

*Statutory Funding Preference:* A funding preference is defined as the funding of a specific category or group of approved applications ahead of other categories or groups of applications. This statutory general preference will only be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval by the peer review group.

As provided in section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act, preference will be given to any qualified applicant that: (1) Has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities; or (2) during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. "High Rate" refers to a minimum of 20 percent of graduates in academic year 2000-2001 or academic year 2001-2002, whichever is greater, who spend at least 50 percent of their worktime in clinical practice in the specified settings and that not less than 15% of graduates from the most recent years are working in these settings.

"Significant Increase in the Rate" means that, between academic years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, the rate of placing graduates in the specified settings has increased by a minimum of 50 percent.

If the applicant is applying for the Funding Preference as a New Program, please note the following: New programs (*i.e.*, programs that have graduated less than three classes) can qualify for the statutory funding preference if four or more of the following criteria are met:

1. The mission statement of the program identifies a specific purpose of preparing health professionals to serve underserved populations.

2. The curriculum includes content that will help to prepare practitioners to serve underserved populations.

3. Substantial clinical training experience is required in medically underserved communities.

4. A minimum of 20 percent of the faculty spend at least 50 percent of their time providing/supervising care in medically underserved communities.

5. The entire program or a substantial portion of the program, (*i.e.*, the primary, ambulatory education training sites) is physically located in a medically underserved community.

6. Student assistance, which is linked to service in medically underserved communities following graduation, is available to the students in the program.

7. The program provides a placement mechanism for deploying graduates to medically underserved communities.

*Administrative Funding Preference:* An administrative funding preference will be given to qualified applicants who have an existing clinical geropsychology education program.

*Administrative Funding Priority:* A funding priority will be given to qualified applicants who educate and train clinical geropsychologists in rural and frontier areas.

*Administrative Special Consideration:* Special consideration will be given to applicants who (a) develop new and innovative approaches to education and training using distance learning methodologies/telehealth, or (b) enhance or expand existing distance learning educational programs with the purpose of preparing health professionals and health professional students to deliver quality health care in medically underserved communities.

*Estimated Amount of Available Funds:* \$1,300,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 6.

*Estimated Average Size of Each Award:* \$225,000-\$250,000.

*Estimated Funding Period:* 3 years.

*Application Requests, Availability, Date and Addresses:* Application materials will be available for downloading via the Web at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm> on June 10, 2003. Applicants may also request a hardcopy of the application material by contacting the HRSA Grants Application Center, 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 450, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20879, by calling at 1-877-477-2123, or by fax at 1-877-477-2345. In order to be considered for competition, applications must be postmarked or submitted to the address listed above by the due date July 11, 2003. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a