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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 04194]

#### **Strengthening the Center for Evaluation of Public Health Interventions (CEPHI) in Zimbabwe; Notice of Intent to Fund Single Eligibility Award**

##### **A. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and  
 Prevention (CDC) announces the intent  
 to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for  
 a cooperative agreement program to  
 strengthen the capacity for supporting  
 excellence in monitoring and evaluating  
 the public health response to the HIV/  
 AIDS epidemic in Zimbabwe. The  
 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
 number for this program is 93.283.

##### **B. Eligible Applicant**

Assistance will be provided only to  
 the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), with  
 the assistance targeted to the  
 University's School of Medicine. The  
 UZ/CEPHI was established in 2002,  
 with the support of CDC through a  
 cooperative agreement. UZ maintains  
 the only graduate public health training  
 program in the country, and, as such,  
 includes faculty with specific expertise  
 in monitoring and evaluation and in  
 training. UZ also formed an Informatics  
 Unit in 2002, with the support of CDC  
 through a cooperative agreement, which  
 includes computer training facilities,  
 and faculty and staff with expertise in  
 computer application development and  
 utilization of existing applications. This

Informatics Unit serves both to support  
 UZ students and faculty, and also as a  
 resource to national programs and  
 organizations. The purpose of this  
 agreement is to build upon the initial  
 successes of these programs, and to  
 support them to function at greater  
 capacity.

Zimbabwe is among the countries in  
 the world most affected by HIV/AIDS:  
 HIV prevalence is estimated to be  
 approximately 25 percent; there has  
 been a ten-fold increase in the number  
 of TB cases; and up to 35 percent of the  
 children may be orphaned by AIDS at  
 the end of this decade. There are  
 increasing amounts of international  
 funds being made available to HIV/AIDS  
 programs in Zimbabwe, such as those  
 from the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and  
 Malaria. These funds also demand high  
 standards of monitoring and evaluation  
 of HIV/AIDS activities. At the same  
 time, the public health response to the  
 epidemic in Zimbabwe is challenged by  
 insufficient manpower and expertise in  
 the Zimbabwe public health system.  
 Support for CEPHI and the associated  
 Informatics Unit aims to enhance  
 training and capacity for monitoring the  
 response to the epidemic as well as to  
 improve efficiency and quality of  
 programs through optimal use of  
 technology.

##### **C. Funding**

Approximately \$125,000 is available  
 in FY 2004 to fund this award. It is  
 expected that the award will begin on or  
 before July 15, 2004, and will be made  
 for a 12-month budget period within a  
 project period of up to three years.  
 Funding estimates may change.

##### **D. Where to Obtain Additional Information**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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[Program Announcement 04174]

#### **Environmental Health Epidemiology Resources Development for Mexico and Latin American Countries; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award**

##### **A. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and  
 Prevention (CDC) announces the intent  
 to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for  
 a cooperative agreement program to  
 continue and strengthen an established  
 environmental health epidemiology,  
 environmental health professional  
 training, and demonstration and  
 training service delivery program based  
 in a university setting in Mexico. The  
 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
 number for this program is 93.283.

##### **B. Eligible Applicant**

Assistance will be provided only to  
 the Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica  
 (INSP).

The INSP, as the national institute of  
 public health of the Government of  
 Mexico, is the most appropriate and  
 qualified agency to provide the services  
 specified under this cooperative  
 agreement because:

The INSP is a leading environmental  
 health epidemiology teaching  
 institution, both at the undergraduate  
 and graduate levels, in Mexico and the  
 Latin American and Caribbean country  
 region, and is the only public health  
 teaching institution in the region whose  
 mission scope covers the entire region.

The INSP has formal collaborative  
 arrangements with other teaching  
 institutions in Mexico, including those  
 located near the Mexico-U.S. border,  
 and with those in other countries in the  
 region which provide the entire for  
 establishing and maintaining the  
 environmental health epidemiology  
 training and demonstration program  
 supported by this cooperative  
 agreement.

The INSP has a highly qualified  
 doctoral- and master's-level teaching  
 staff whose responsibilities include the  
 conduct of programs related to the