

2. Annual progress report, due 60 days after the end of the budget period. The progress report will follow the format developed jointly by the U.S. Government and the Government of Rwanda, consisting of interventions, milestones, timelines, status explanations and budget expenditures to date.

3. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

4. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Recipients must mail these reports to the Grants Management or Contract Specialist listed in the "Agency Contacts" section of this announcement.

VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this announcement.

For general questions, contact: Technical Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Valerie Koscelnik, Project Officer, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Address: HHS/CDC/US Embassy, Kigali, Rwanda, Telephone: +250 08303986, E-mail: vak7@cdc.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Shirley Wynn, Grants Management Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-1515, E-mail: swynn@cdc.gov.

VIII. Other Information

Applicants can find this and other HHS funding opportunity announcements on the HHS/CDC web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov> (Click on "Funding," then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements"), and on the HHS Office of Global Health Affairs, Internet address: <http://www.globalhealth.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Request for Application (RFA) AA220]

Partnering With the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology To Enhance Public Health Capacity for HIV Prevention and Care Activities in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, as Part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; 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) 2005 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide improved HIV prevention, care, and treatment in Vietnam through support and development of national laboratory systems, and implementation of surveillance and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.067.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Vietnamese National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE). No other applications are solicited.

The award specifically aims to use existing capacity through NIHE to aid in providing Viet Nam with increased laboratory capability, including developing a national reference laboratory and quality-assurance and quality-control systems (QA/QC); improving national surveillance and M&E through routine and special projects; and developing a national action plan, and other surveillance activities, as necessity dictates. Currently, the NIHE is the single institute in Viet Nam sanctioned by the Vietnamese Government to conduct laboratory activities, and, thus, the only appropriate and qualified organization to conduct this specific set of activities supportive of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

In addition, NIHE is uniquely positioned in terms of legal authority and credibility among Vietnamese health institutions to provide national surveillance and laboratory leadership in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and control. NIHE has already established mechanisms to provide national laboratory leadership, and national surveillance and M&E activities, which enables it to immediately become engaged in the activities listed in this announcement.

NIHE is organizationally within the Vietnamese MOH, and can effectively coordinate and implement HIV prevention and care activities supported by the MOH and its other agencies. Although other Vietnamese Government Ministries are involved in HIV prevention and care, currently most activities occur through the MOH.

C. Funding

Approximately \$500,000 is available in FY 2005 to fund this award September 15, 2005, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where to Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: S. Patrick Chong, Deputy Director, Global AIDS Program [GAP], Vietnam National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], U.S. Embassy Hanoi, 7 Lang Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Telephone: +84 (4) 831-4580, ext. 215, E-mail: pchong@cdc.gov.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Enhancing the Community Response to HIV/AIDS and TB Through the Expanded Role of the Community Treatment Supporters in the Republic of Zambia

*Announcement Type: New.
Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-AA159.*

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.067.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: September 12, 2005.