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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Request for Information (RFI): Improving Health and Accelerating Personalized Health Care Through Health Information Technology and Genomic Information in Population- and Community-based Health Care Delivery Systems; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 1, 2006, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a notice in the *Federal Register* (FR Doc. Vol 71, No. 211, pages 64282-64284) to request input from the public and private sectors on plans for developing and using resources involving health information technology and genetic and molecular medicine, with specific reference to incorporating these capacities in evidence-based clinical practice, health outcomes evaluations, and research. A 60 day comment period was established upon publication of that notice.

The purpose of this notice is to inform all interested parties that the comment period originally identified in the November 1, 2006 *Federal Register* has been extended for thirty days, in order to maximize the opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to provide comments to HHS on this subject.

**DATES:** The closing period for the comment period will now be February 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic responses are preferred and may be addressed to [PHCRFI@hhs.gov](mailto:PHCRFI@hhs.gov). Written responses should be addressed to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Room 434E, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Personalized Health Care RFI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Gregory Downing, Personalized Health Care Initiative, (202) 260-1911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A copy of this RFI is available on the HHS Web site at <http://www.aspe.hhs.gov/PHC/rfi>. Please follow the instructions for submitting responses.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the Use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

Measuring the Psychological Impact on Communities Affected by Landmines—New—Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention (CCEHIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

The purpose of this project is to conduct an observational baseline survey that assesses the effectiveness of Humanitarian Mine Action (landmine and unexploded ordinance clearance,

also known as demining) upon the economic, social and mental well being of impacted communities. This work will be conducted by the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, a center of Harvard University, under a cooperative agreement with CDC. The general theory to be examined is that individuals and communities in these locations suffer when living in an area with landmines and unexploded ordinance (UXO) since they cannot use all land resources and suffer the trauma of injured or killed family members.

This research on the impact of demining is necessary because landmines and UXO continue to negatively impact civilian populations. For example, it has been estimated that each year landmines and unexploded ordinance lead to the injury and death of 24,000 persons worldwide, predominately civilians. At the same time, it is estimated that civilians account for 35% to 65% of war-related deaths and injuries. The use of landmines and UXO is ongoing, and therefore this issue merits continued attention.

Up to this point, however, little if any of the international response to landmines has studied the economic, social, and mental impact upon a community. Instead the focus has been their physical impact in terms of numbers of injured and killed. There are not statistics nor is there research that can accurately capture these alternative measures of impact. There now exists an opportunity for further research that will benefit the general public as well as the organizations and governments working with persons impacted by landmines and UXO.

The proposed work will allow CDC to continue its commitment to reduce the negative health impact posed by landmines and unexploded ordinance, both for U.S. and non-U.S.-based populations. Specific activities for this project include:

a. Identify and incorporate public health principles into the planning of a pilot study for assessing the impact of landmine and unexploded ordinance (UXO) abatement (also known as demining) on the economic, social and mental health of contaminated communities. This initial research in three or more locations will lay the groundwork for further study in additional sites around the world.

b. Develop the survey instrument and design a study that will assess the economic, social and mental health consequences of living in areas where landmines and UXO are present and the impact if they are cleared.