

protection of the quality of the human environment. This must be contained in a separate section entitled "Environmental Impact of the Project" and must include the Environmental Questionnaire/Certification describing the impact of the project. The Environmental Questionnaire/Certification is available on the RUS Telecommunications Programs Web site at: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp\\_deltahealthcare.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_deltahealthcare.html). Submission of the Environmental Questionnaire/Certification alone does not constitute compliance with 7 CFR part 1794.

## VI. Application Review Information

### A. Criteria

1. Grant applications are scored competitively and subject to the criteria listed below.

2. Grant application scoring criteria are detailed in the Delta Health Care Services Grant Application Guide. There are 100 points available, broken down as follows:

- The Rurality of the Project area and communities served. (up to 40 points);
- The Community Needs and Benefits Derived from the project. (up to 45 points); and
- The Project Management and Organization capability. (up to 15 points).

### B. Grant Review Standards

1. All applications for grants must be delivered to RUS at the address specified in this notice, or submitted electronically to <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov) to be eligible for funding. RUS will review each application for conformance with the provisions of this part. RUS may contact the applicant for additional information or clarification.

2. Applications conforming with this part will be evaluated competitively by RUS employees, and will be awarded points as described in the Delta Health Care Services Grant Application Guide. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

3. Regardless of the score an application receives, if RUS determines that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, the Agency will notify the applicant, in writing, and the application will be returned and will not be considered for funding.

### C. Scoring Guidelines

1. The applicant's self scores in Rurality will be checked and, if necessary, corrected by RUS.

2. The Community Needs and Benefits derived from the project score will be determined by RUS based on

information presented in the application. The Community Needs and Benefits score is a subjective score based on the reviewer's assessment of the supporting arguments made in the application. The score aims to assess how the project's purpose and goals benefit the residents in the Delta Region.

3. The Project Management and Organization Capability score will be determined by RUS based on information presented in the application. RUS will evaluate the applicant's experience, past performance, and accomplishments addressing health care issues to ensure effective project implementation.

### D. Selection Process

Grant applications are ranked by final score. RUS selects applications based on those rankings, subject to availability of funds. Rural Development has the authority to limit the number of applications selected in any one state, or from any applicant.

## VII. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices

RUS recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. The Agency generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. The Agency follows the award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in Section V of this notice and the Delta Health Care Services Grant Application Guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

### C. Performance Reporting

All recipients of Delta Health Care Services Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to RUS until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project.

### D. Recipient and Subrecipient Reporting

The applicant must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting

requirements for first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 in the event the applicant receives funding unless such applicant is exempt from such reporting requirements pursuant to 2 CFR part 170, 170.110(b). The reporting requirements under the Transparency Act pursuant to 2 CFR part 170 are as follows:

1. First Tier Sub-Awards of \$25,000 or more in non-Recovery Act funds (unless they are exempt under 2 CFR part 170) must be reported by the Recipient to <http://www.fsrs.gov> no later than the end of the month following the month the obligation was made.

2. The Total Compensation of the Recipient's Executives (5 most highly compensated executives) must be reported by the Recipient (if the Recipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to <http://www.ccr.gov> by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.

3. The Total Compensation of the Subrecipient's Executives (5 most highly compensated executives) must be reported by the Subrecipient (if the Subrecipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to the Recipient by the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made.

## VIII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Utilities\\_LP.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Utilities_LP.html). The Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Delta Health Care Services Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-720-8427.

C. Fax: 202-720-2734.

D. Main point of contact: Program Advisor, Telecommunications Program, RUS.

Dated: March 28, 2011.

**Jonathan Adelstein,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service,*

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## ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

### Senior Executive Service; Combined Performance Review Board (PRB)

**AGENCY:** Armed Forces Retirement Home.

**ACTION:** Notice of Members of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Review Board (PRB).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to U.S.C. 431(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the combined PRB for the Armed Forces Retirement Home. The

Board reviews the performance appraisals of career and non-career senior executives. The Board recommends regarding proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions.

*Composition of PRB:* The Board shall consist of at least three voting members. In the case of an appraisal appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the PRB members are as follows:

#### Primary Members

Cynthia Z. Springer, Executive Director, Administrative Resource Center, Bureau of Public Debt Debra L. Hines, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of Public Debt Kimberly A. McCoy, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology, Bureau of Public Debt.

#### Alternate Members

Keith Rake, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Resource Center, Bureau of Public Debt Matt Miller, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology, Bureau of Public Debt.

**DATES:** Membership is effective on the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven McManus, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home, Box 1303, Washington, DC 20011, (202) 730-3533.

This notice does not meet the Armed Forces Retirement Home's criteria for significant regulations.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

**Steve McManus,**

*Acting Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey: Expenditures Incurred by Recipients of Biomedical Research and Development Awards From the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or

continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. June 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via e-mail at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Payson, Chief of Research, Government Division (BE-57), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; *phone:* (202) 606-9788; *fax:* (202) 606-5369; or via e-mail at [steven.payson@bea.gov](mailto:steven.payson@bea.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The survey obtains the distribution of expenditures incurred by recipients of biomedical research awards from the National Institutes of Health Research (NIH) and will provide information on how the NIH award amounts are expended across several major categories. This information, along with wage and price data from other published sources, will be used to generate the Biomedical Research and Developmental Price Index (BRDPI). BEA develops this index for NIH under a reimbursable contract. The BRDPI is an index of prices paid for the labor, supplies, equipment, and other inputs required to perform the biomedical research the NIH supports in its intramural laboratories and through its awards to extramural organizations. The BRDPI is a vital tool for planning the NIH research budget and analyzing future NIH programs. A survey of award recipient entities is currently the only means for updating the expenditure categories that are used to prepare the BRDPI.

##### II. Authority

This survey will be voluntary. The authority for NIH to collect information for the BRDPI is provided in 45 CFR subpart C, Post-Award Requirements, section 74.21. This sets forth explicit standards for grantees in establishing and maintaining financial management systems and records, and section 74.53 which provides for the retention of such records as well as NIH access to such records.

BEA will administer the survey and analyze the survey results on behalf of NIH, through an interagency agreement

between the two agencies. The authority for the NIH to contract with DOC to make this collection is the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536).

The "Special Studies" authority, 15 U.S.C. 1525 (first paragraph), permits DOC to provide, upon the request of any person, firm or public or private organization (a) Special studies on matters within the authority of the Department of Commerce, including preparing from its records special compilations, lists, bulletins, or reports, and (b) furnishing transcripts or copies of its studies, compilations and other records. BEA has programmatic authority to perform this work pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1527a. NIH's support for this research is consistent with the Agency's duties and authority under 42 U.S.C. 282.

The information provided by the respondents will be held confidential and be used for exclusively statistical purposes. This pledge of confidentiality is made under the Confidential Information Protection provisions of title V, subtitle A, Public Law 107-347. Title V is the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). Section 512 (on Limitations on Use and Disclosure of Data and Information) of the Act, provides that "data or information acquired by an agency under a pledge of confidentiality and for exclusively statistical purposes shall be used by officers, employees, or agents of the agency exclusively for statistical purposes. Data or information acquired by an agency under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes shall not be disclosed by an agency in identifiable form, for any use other than an exclusively statistical purpose, except with the informed consent of the respondent."

Responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents of BEA without prior written permission of the person filing the report. By law, each employee as well as each agent is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both for disclosing to the public any identifiable information that is reported about a business or institution.

Section 515 of the Information Quality Guidelines applies to this survey. The collection and use of this information complies with all applicable information quality guidelines, *i.e.*, those of the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Commerce, and BEA.