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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP), NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Request for Data on the Use of Topical Anesthetics and Systemic Analgesics for In Vivo Eye Irritation Testing

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Request for data on the use of topical anesthetics and systemic analgesics for in vivo ocular irritation testing.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and NICEATM request the submission of data and information on the use of topical anesthetics and systemic analgesics for alleviating pain and distress in rabbits during eye irritation testing. They also request the submission of information about other procedures and strategies that may reduce or eliminate pain and distress associated with *in vivo* eye irritation methods.

DATES: Data should be received by June 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Data should be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to Dr. William S. Stokes, Director, NICEATM, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail) niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. *Courier address:* NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director, (phone) 919-541-2384 or niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nominated to ICCVAM several activities relevant to reducing, replacing, or refining the use of rabbits in the current *in vivo* eye irritation test method (**Federal Register** Vol. 69, No. 57, pages 13859-13861, March 24,

2004). One activity is to review ways to alleviate pain and suffering that might arise from current *in vivo* eye irritation testing. ICCVAM endorsed this activity with a high priority and recommended that NICEATM review the data currently available on the use of topical anesthetics and/or systemic analgesics to reduce animal pain and distress.

As part of this review, NICEATM requests the submission of data from completed studies on the use of topical anesthetics and/or systemic analgesics for *in vivo* ocular irritation testing. These data will be used to evaluate the validation status of the use of topical anesthetics and/or analgesics to reduce pain and distress for *in vivo* testing situations. ICCVAM and NICEATM also request the submission of information and data from *in vivo* methods, procedures, and/or strategies that may reduce or eliminate the pain and suffering associated with current *in vivo* eye irritation methods.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, or replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3) established ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers the ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. Additional information about NICEATM and ICCVAM can be found at the following Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Purpose of Notice: Availability of Funding Opportunity Announcement

Funding Opportunity Title/Program Name: Aging and Disability Resource Center Initiative: Integrating Access to Long-Term Care.

Announcement Type: Initial.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2007-AoA-DR-0707.

Statutory Authority: The Older Americans Act of 2006, Public Law 109-365.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.048, Title IV and Title II, Discretionary Projects.

Dates: The deadline date for the submission of applications is June 29, 2007.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

In FY 2003, the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) formed a historic partnership to launch the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) demonstration grant initiative. The goal of the ADRC program is to empower individuals to make informed choices and to streamline access to long term support services. AoA and CMS share a vision to have Resource Centers in every community serving as highly visible and trusted places where people of all ages can turn for information on the full range of long term support options and a single point of entry to public long term support programs and benefits. ADRCs are a resource for both public and private-pay individuals. They serve older adults, younger individuals with disabilities, family caregivers, as well as persons planning for future long term support needs. ADRCs are also a resource for health and long term support professionals and others who provide services to older adults and to people with disabilities. Since FY 2003, 43 states have received three year grants from AoA and CMS to design and implement ADRC demonstrations serving the elderly and at least one other target population of adults with disabilities in at least one community. An ADRC Program Announcement published in FY 2003 resulted in the funding of twelve states that year with an additional twelve states funded to develop ADRC programs in FY 2004. Nineteen additional states were funded to develop ADRC programs based on a Program Announcement published in

FY 2005. To view the Program Announcements published in FY 2003 and FY 2005 please visit www.aoa.gov/prof/aging_dis/background.asp. For more information on the 43 funded ADRC projects please visit www.adrc-tae.org.

This announcement seeks proposals for competitive grants to assist states funded to develop ADRCs in FY 2004 to significantly expand their existing Resource Center programs. Building on current efforts, state Resource Center programs funded under this Program Announcement will be:

- (1) Expanded to provide services to additional communities, and/or
- (2) Positioned to assume the role as the only entry point to publicly funded long-term support systems, and/or;
- (3) Enhanced to support states long-term care rebalancing efforts either through nursing facility diversion activities, nursing facility transition or participation in the re-direction of services dollars to consumer directed models including cash & counseling.

A detailed description of the funding opportunity may be found at <http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.asp>.

II. Award Information

1. Funding Instrument Type

These new grants will be issued as cooperative agreements because AoA, in cooperation with CMS, anticipates having substantial involvement with the recipients during performance of funded activities. This involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the funded activities. AoA, in cooperation with CMS, will also be involved in the development and implementation of the funded projects by way of conducting a review of the applications and providing technical assistance, training, guidance, and oversight throughout the one-year project period. Grantees will be expected to keep in contact with their Federal project officer on a regular basis. Grantees will also be expected to share all significant products that result from their projects with AoA.

2. Anticipated Total Priority Area Funding Per Budget Period

The total amount of Federal funds available for this funding opportunity is \$2.4 million. AoA anticipates funding up to 12 projects nationwide for a period of 1 year. The maximum Federal award for the entire project period is approximately \$200,000.

III. Eligibility Criteria And Other Requirements

1. Eligible Applicants

Only states that received an AoA and CMS Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant in FY 2004 are eligible to apply. These states are Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, New Mexico, North Carolina, Northern Mariana Islands, and Wisconsin. Only the state agency that was the ADRC applicant in FY 2004, or a state agency with a Memorandum of Agreement with the existing ADRC grantee (e.g. the Single State Agency on Aging, Single State Medicaid Agency or State Agency serving the target populations of people with disabilities) may apply for this Resource Center grant. The applicant agency must have the documented support, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding and active participation by the Single State Agency on Aging, the Single State Medicaid Agency and the State Agency(s) serving the target population(s) of people with disabilities specified in the applicant's proposal. A letter of support from the Governor indicating high-level state executive support and designating the lead agency is also required. Only one application per state will be accepted. "State" refers to the definition provided under 45 CFR 74.2. Executive Order 12372 is not applicable to these grant applications.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Grantees are required to make a non-financial or cash recipient contribution (match) of a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total project cost.

3. DUNS Number

All grant applicants must obtain a D-U-N-S number from Dun and Bradstreet. It is a nine-digit identification number, which provides unique identifiers of single business entities. The D-U-N-S number is free and easy to obtain from http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/.

4. Intergovernmental Review

Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, is not applicable to these grant applications.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address To Request Application

Application kits are available by writing to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Center for Planning and Policy, Washington, DC 20201, by calling

Joseph Lugo at 202/357-3417, or online at <http://www.grants.gov>.

2. Address for Application Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically to www.grants.gov. In order to be able to submit the application, you must register in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) database. Information about CCR is available at www.grants.gov/CCRRegister. Instructions for electronic submission of grant applications are available at www.grants.gov.

3. Submission Dates and Times

To receive consideration, applications must be submitted electronically by midnight Eastern time by the deadline listed in the **DATES** section at the beginning of this Notice.

V. Responsiveness Criteria

Each application submitted will be screened to determine whether it was received by the closing date and time.

Applications received by the closing date and time will be screened for completeness and conformity with the requirements outlined in Sections III and IV of this Notice and the Program Announcement. Only complete applications that meet these requirements will be reviewed and evaluated competitively.

VI. Application Review Information

Eligible applications in response to this announcement will be reviewed according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Accomplishments and Problem Statement—Weight: 30 points.
- Approach, Work Plan and Activities—Weight: 40 points.
- Project Outcomes and Evaluation—Weight: 15 points.
- Level of Effort (Organization and Management; Budget and Resources)—Weight: 15 points.

VII. Agency Contacts

Direct inquiries regarding programmatic issues can be directed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Center for Planning and Policy Development, Washington, DC 20201, Joseph Lugo at telephone (202) 357-3417.

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