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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING - THE HEALTH OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

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National Institutes of Health

Notice is hereby given that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold the seventh meeting in a series of regional public briefing meetings to be conducted under the auspices of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, on "The Health of Biomedical Research Institutions." The purpose of the meetings is two-fold:

1. to provide current information concerning the activities of the NIH by describing the broad political context in which the NIH operates, discussing the Federal budget process as it affects the formulation of the NIH budget, demonstrating recent trends in the funding of NIH programs, discussing the broad strategies adopted by NIH to meet emerging needs, and describing new NIH policies and programs designed to achieve program objectives; and
2. to solicit through public testimony the views of biomedical researchers, university faculty and administrators, representatives of professional societies, and other interested parties concerning the impact of the Federal system of sponsored research on the health of biomedical research institutions.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 1988, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Northwestern University (Chicago Campus), Chicago, Illinois.

Following a presentation by the Director, NIH, a panel comprised of members of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, representatives of NIH national advisory councils, institute directors, and other senior NIH staff will spend the remainder of the day receiving testimony from public witnesses. Each witness will be limited to a maximum of ten minutes. Attendance and the number of presentations will be limited to the time and space available. Consequently, all individuals wishing to attend or to present a statement at this public meeting should notify, in writing:

Jay Moskowitz, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee
to the Director
National Institutes of Health
Shannon Building, Room 137
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-3152

Those planning to make a presentation should file a one-page summary of their remarks with Dr. Moskowitz by February 26, 1988; a copy of the full text of these remarks should be submitted for the record at the time of the meeting. Additional information may be obtained by calling:

Mr. Edward Lynch
Division of Program Analysis
Office of Program Planning and Evaluation
National Institutes of Health
Shannon Building, Room 233
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-4418

DATED ANNOUNCEMENTS (RFPs AND RFAs AVAILABLE)

CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL SURVEILLANCE

MASTER AGREEMENT RFP AVAILABLE: NCI-CN-85071

P.T. 34; K.W. 0715035, 0404021

National Cancer Institute

The National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, is soliciting proposals to provide information required for cancer control surveillance. The primary approach for obtaining this information is through the conduct of surveys and similar evaluation processes. The term "survey" is

used to connote a full range of studies, including probability sample surveys and abstracting data from existing primary and secondary sources for analysis.

The Master Agreement Announcement (MAA) is tentatively scheduled for release on or about January 29, 1988. Responses will be due 45 days after the date of issuance. It is anticipated that multiple master agreements will be awarded pursuant to the MAA, each having a five-year period of performance. Since MAs are unfunded, the obligation of funds shall be accomplished solely through the award of Master Agreement Orders (MAOs), issued under the terms of this MA.

The MAOs will be issued on either a cost or fixed price basis.

The MA holder, upon award of an MAO, shall coordinate and implement the requested survey(s), including data collection, processing and reporting for surveillance activities to be designed and developed by NCI alone or in collaboration with other organizations.

Copies of the MAA may be obtained by sending a written request to:

Diana L. Wheeler, Contract Specialist
Research Contracts Branch, PCCS
Blair Building, Room 2A07
National Cancer Institute, NIH
Bethesda, Maryland 20910
Telephone: (301) 427-8745

DIGESTIVE DISEASES CORE CENTERS

RFA AVAILABLE: 88-DK-11

P.T. 04; K.W. 0715085, 0715135, 0755030, 0745020, 0765035, 0710030

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date: June 16, 1988

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) invites applications for Digestive Diseases Core Center Grants to be awarded in Fiscal Year 1989.

The objectives of the Core Center are to bring together, on a cooperative basis, clinical and basic science investigators in a manner which will enhance and extend the effectiveness of research being conducted in the field of digestive diseases. Within the research activities of the Center should be research that is relevant to the underlying cause(s), mechanism(s), diagnosis, early detection, prevention, control and treatment of digestive diseases and related physiological, pathophysiological, congenital or metabolic disorders resulting from such diseases. The focus of the research program in the center can be a disease such as pancreatitis, functional bowel disease, chronic hepatitis; an organ such as liver, esophagus, large bowel; a process such as absorption, secretion, motility or an appropriate combination thereof which may also include areas of relevant technology.

Institutions that have the necessary foundation of multidisciplinary digestive diseases-related research are encouraged to apply for a Digestive Diseases Core Center Grant. Each applicant must show that at least fifty percent of the fiscal support for the ongoing research projects in areas relevant to digestive diseases are from the NIDDK and that the remainder of the research projects to be included in the center research base are relevant to the goals of the research Core Center. Foreign institutions are not eligible to apply.

NIDDK expects to award three Digestive Diseases Core Center Grants in Fiscal Year 1989 on a competitive basis. The receipt of three competitive continuation applications is anticipated and they will be in competition for an award together with other applications received in response to this announcement.

The complete RFA, Core Center Grant Guidelines as well as consultation may be obtained from:

Dr. Ralph L. Bain
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Centers Program
National Institute of Diabetes
and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-9717

Potential applicants are urged to submit a letter of intent by March 15, 1988 regarding their application.

The RFA label (found in the 9/86 revision of application form PHS 398) must be affixed to the bottom of the face page of the original copy of the application. Failure to use this label could result in delayed processing of an application such that it may not reach the review committee in time for a review.

ONGOING PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH RELATED TO NURSING RESOURCES AND DELIVERY OF PATIENT CARE ANNOUNCEMENT

P.T. 34; K.W. 0785130, 0785035, 0730065

National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR)

The mission of the NCNR is to support basic and clinical research and research training in patient care relevant to nursing. The Center's mission also includes research concerning the delivery of nursing services as it affects patient care in diverse settings, such as acute care hospitals, nursing homes, public health agencies, and home care agencies.

In reporting the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 the congressional conferees stated "patient care research may also address ethical and public policy concerns that will have a profound effect on the delivery of patient care." The Center is issuing this program announcement to address the important public policy question related to the availability of nursing resources for the delivery of quality patient care.

A major issue of concern to health professionals responsible for assuring the delivery of quality health services, to practicing health professionals, and to health policy makers and planners is the current apparent shortage of registered nurses. The major concern is that the health care delivery system and the quality of patient care may be negatively influenced as a result of this limited availability.

Considerable research has been conducted in various aspects of this area, but societal and health services factors which affect the delivery of nursing services change over time, and prior research findings in this area may not be valid.

The NCNR is interested in supporting research which builds upon current knowledge about nursing resources and retention within the United States. Of special interest is research designed to examine strategies and interventions that enhance the availability and retention of registered nurses for the provision of quality patient care. Nursing resources and retention research projects which involve hospital-based clinical nurse researchers and faculty from schools of nursing are also of interest.

Research topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- o effects of high-stress settings involving patients with HIV infections, premature infants, the elderly, or those who are critically ill on the availability and retention of nurses in selected clinical areas;
- o influence of the relationships among quality of care outcomes, allocation of nursing resources, staffing requirements and costs;
- o effects of clinical decisions concerning ethical issues in practice settings;
- o factors that influence continuity of patient care, such as part-time employment; and
- o effects of professional isolation in selected clinical settings, such as home health care agencies and nursing homes.

ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit organizations and institutions, state and local governments and their agencies, profit-making organizations, and individuals (fellowships only) are eligible to apply.

MECHANISMS OF SUPPORT

Applications may be submitted for research project grants (R01), First

Independent Research Support and Transition (FIRST) Awards (R29), Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Awards (R43), Individual National Research Service Awards for Postdoctoral Fellowships (F32), National Research Service Awards for Senior Fellowships (F33), or Academic Investigator Awards (K07).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants should use Form PHS 398, (Rev. 9/86) for research grant and Academic Investigator Award applications; Form PHS 416-1, (Rev. 6/85) for individual fellowship applications; or Form PHS 6246-1 for Small Business Innovation Research applications. These forms are available at the Office of Sponsored Research in most institutions or from:

Office of Grants Inquiries
Division of Research Grants, NIH
Westwood Building, Room 449
Bethesda, Maryland 20892**
Telephone: (301) 496-7441

In order to expedite the routing of the application form within NIH, the applicant should: (1) check block #2 on the face page of the application, indicating that the application is in response to this announcement; (2) print next to the checked box NCNR NURSING RESOURCES/RETENTION; and (3) enclose a cover letter indicating that the application is in response to this announcement. Standard NIH application receipt dates are in effect.

Completed applications and cover letter should be submitted according to the deadlines for the review schedule in the relevant application kits and mailed to the following address:

Division of Research Grants
National Institutes of Health
Westwood Building, Room 240
Bethesda, Maryland 20892**

REVIEW PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

Applications in response to this announcement will be reviewed in competition with other applications and in accord with the usual NIH peer review procedures and criteria. Applications will be reviewed for scientific and technical merit by an initial review group; second-level review will be by the NCNR Advisory Council. Second-level review of individual fellowship applications will be conducted by an NCNR Executive Review Group.

All PHS and NIH grant policies apply to applications received in response to this program announcement.

INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

One copy of the application should be sent to the address below. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposed project with NCNR staff in advance of formal submission. Such individuals should contact:

Dr. Patricia Moritz, Chief
Nursing Systems Branch
National Center for Nursing Research
Building 38A, Room B2E17
Bethesda, Maryland 20894
Telephone: (301) 496-0523

This program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 13.361: Nursing Research. Awards will be made under authority of the Public Health Service Act, Sections 301, 483, 484, and 487, as amended by Public Law 99-158; and Small Business Innovation Development Act, Public Law 97-219. Awards will be administered under PHS grant policies and Federal Regulations 42 CFR Part 52, 42 CFR Part 66 and 45 CFR Part 74. This program is not subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, or to Health Systems Agency review.

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5333 Westbard Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20816