

membership is also comprised of trade members such as suppliers and fabricators of products and materials used in store design, as well as general contractors who provide labor and project management services and build the projects.

The complaint alleges that ISP engages in substantial activities for the economic benefit of its members. The complaint alleges that ISP has approximately 800 members, many of whom provide store planning services for a fee or who are employed by store planning or design firms that provide store planning services for a fee. It alleges that ISP is and has been organized in substantial part for the profit of its members.

The complaint charges that ISP has violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act by acting as a combination of its members and in agreement with some of its members to restrain price and non-price competition among its members and others. The complaint alleges that in furtherance of the combination and agreement, ISP has adopted and maintained provisions in its Code of Ethics that state, among other things, "a member shall not render professional services without compensation" (*ISP Code of Ethics*, Section 2) and "a member shall not knowingly compete with another member on the basis of professional charges, or use donations as a device for obtaining professional advantage" (*ISP Code of Ethics*, Section 3). The Code also provides that "a member shall not offer his services in competition except as provided by such competition codes as the Institute may establish" (*ISP Code of Ethics*, Section 4). Applicants for membership in ISP must agree in writing to follow ISP's By-laws, which contain its Code of Ethics.

The complaint alleges that the above acts and practices constitute unfair methods of competition which have restrained competition unreasonably and injured consumers by discouraging price competition among store planners and depriving consumers and users of store planners' services of the benefit of free and open competition among store planners.

ISP has signed a consent agreement containing the proposed consent order. The proposed consent order would prohibit ISP from restricting, impeding, declaring unethical or unprofessional or advising against price competition among its members. That is, ISP would no longer be able to restrict members from providing free or discounted services.

To ensure and monitor compliance, the consent order provides, among other

things, that within 90 days after the order becomes final ISP shall remove from *ISP's Code of Ethics*, its constitution and bylaws and any existing ISP policy statement, commentary or guideline — including those appearing on ISP's website — any provision, policy statement, commentary or guideline which is inconsistent with the order. The order also requires that ISP publish in *ISP International News* and on its website, the revised versions of such documents. In addition, the order requires ISP to publish a copy of the order and complaint in the *ISP International News*. It further provides that the order and complaint shall be published on the ISP website for at least one year, with a link placed in a prominent position on the website's home page. The proposed consent order also contains other provisions to monitor compliance.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way its terms.

By direction of the Commission.

**C. Landis Plummer**

*Acting Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03026]

#### **Strengthening Epidemiologic Services and Surveillance in Central America, the Dominican Republic and Haiti; Notice of Availability of Funds**

##### **A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number**

This program is authorized under sections 301 and 307 of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. sections 242], as amended, and section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

##### **B. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Strengthening Epidemiologic Services and Surveillance in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

The purpose of the program is to underpin the ability of the Ministries of Health (MOH) of the participating countries in the *Servicio de Investigacion Epidemiologica y Vigilancia de Centro America la Republica Dominicana y Haiti* (SIEVCADH) project to develop public health surveillance, investigate priority public health problems, and provide epidemiologic response to disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. By doing so, applied public health programs in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti will be strengthened.

The objectives of this program are: (1) To produce high-quality public health surveillance, epidemiologic assessment and epidemiologic investigation in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of public health action, programs, and policy in SIEVCADH project countries; (2) to produce an enhanced and sustainable professional staff capacity to continue carrying out these activities in SIEVCADH project countries; and (3) to continue development of the Masters in Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology as an academic umbrella for the previous two objectives. The increased capacity in emergency response, epidemiologic investigation and surveillance will be essential to achieving the project's goal of developing sustainable capacity in field epidemiology in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the Epidemiology Program Office (EPO): Maximize the distribution and use of scientific information and prevention messages through modern communication technology, efficiently respond to the needs of its public health partners through the provision of epidemiologic assistance, and implement accessible training programs to provide an effective work force for staffing state and local health departments, laboratories, and ministries of health in developing countries.

##### **C. Eligible Applicants**

Assistance will be limited to academic institutions in Central America.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

**D. Funding***Availability of Funds*

Approximately \$220,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about June 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

*Direct Assistance*

No direct assistance will be provided.

*Use of Funds*

1. All requests for funds contained in the budget, shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through issuance of supplemental awards.

By making this statement all requests, not only the initial budget, but any subsequent request such as re-directions, requests for supplemental funds, carry-overs, etc. are included. This is Health and Human Services (HHS) policy.

2. Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services. Equipment may be purchased if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives, however, prior approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.

3. The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

4. The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however, the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required.

5. Limitations and/or prohibitions on the use of funds are as follows:

a. Alterations and renovations are not allowable.

b. Customs and import duties, including consular fees, customs surtax,

value-added taxes and other related charges are not allowable.

6. Awardee is required to obtain annual audit of these CDC funds (program-specific audit) by a U.S.-based audit firm with International branches and current licensure/authority in-country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standard(s) approved in writing by CDC.

7. A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, pre or post award, with the potential awardee in order to review their business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

*Recipient Financial Participation*

No matching funds are required for this program

*Funding Preferences*

Funding preferences will be given to academic institutions in Central America that have established relationships with other Central American academic institutions, governmental institutions such as MOH, national disease prevention and control programs, and international organizations.

**E. Program Requirements**

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed in 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed in 2. CDC Activities.

*1. Recipient Activities*

The Recipient will be responsible for coordination of the SIEVCADH Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) and accomplishment of the following three objectives: (1) To strengthen public health surveillance, epidemiological assessments, and epidemiologic investigations; (2) to produce and enhance sustainable professional staff capacity to carry out these activities; and (3) to continue development of the Masters in Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology program.

Specific activities include:

a. Development and review of the curriculum of its Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology.

b. Development of agreements with other academic institutions in SIEVCADH countries to participate in the development and teaching of the Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology curriculum.

c. Development and coordination of a SIEVCADH faculty for the Masters of Epidemiology with specialization in Field Epidemiology.

d. Development and application of an Internet-based distance-learning program.

e. Logistical and administrative support of all students enrolled in the SIEVCADH FETP.

f. Development and implementation of a plan to establish field-training sites for the field component of the SIEVCADH FETP.

g. Development and establishment of a mentoring program for SIEVCADH faculty, supervisors, and students.

h. Provision of technical assistance to SIEVCADH FETP students' work and projects.

i. Review and oversight of SIEVCADH FETP students' work and projects.

j. Development and implementation of a plan for the ongoing assessment of the SIEVCADH FETP to determine if changes in strategies and/or activities are needed.

k. Development of an evaluation plan for all SIEVCADH FETP activities, which would also include a follow-up assessment of the students to determine the quality and success of the training programs and their continued occupation in related fields.

*2. CDC activities*

Provide technical consultation as needed on all aspects of program planning, implementation, and evaluation methods.

Specific activities to include:

a. Provision of assistance in the development and revision of the Masters of Epidemiology with a specialty in Field Epidemiology curriculum.

b. Provision of assistance in the development of SIEVCADH FETP workshops and seminars.

c. Provision of assistance in the development of a mentoring program for SIEVCADH faculty, supervisors, and students.

d. Provision of technical assistance as needed for management of program operations, including the application of continuous quality improvement.

e. Provision of assistance in ongoing assessment of program activities to ensure the use of effective and efficient implementation strategies.

f. Collaboration with recipient in the design of all phases of the evaluation.

**F. Content***Applications*

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application.

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. The narrative should be no more than 20 pages, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font.

The narrative should consist of: Background and Need, Plan and Objectives, Plan of Operations, Evaluation, and Budget.

### G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the signed original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0920-0428). Forms are available at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm>.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have difficulty accessing the forms on-line, you may contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) at: 770-488-2700. Application forms can be mailed to you.

#### *Submission Date, Time, and Address*

The application must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time June 9, 2003. Submit the application to: Technical Information Management—PA 03026, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146.

Applications may not be submitted electronically.

#### *CDC Acknowledgment of Application Receipt*

A postcard will be mailed by PGO-TIM, notifying you that CDC has received your application.

#### *Deadline*

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received before 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. Any applicant who sends their application by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If an application is received after closing due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, CDC will upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

Any application that does not meet the above criteria will not be eligible for

competition, and will be discarded. The applicant will be notified of their failure to meet the submission requirements.

### H. Evaluation Criteria

#### *Application*

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the purpose section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

An independent review group appointed by CDC will evaluate each application against the following criteria:

#### 1. Plan and Objectives (25 points)

a. The extent to which the goals relate to the overall vision of capacity building and are specific, time-phased, measurable and feasible.

b. The extent to which the applicant describes objectives that are specific, measurable, and feasible, including a schedule for implementation.

#### 2. Plan of Operation (25 points)

The extent to which the applicant provides a detailed description of proposed activities which are likely to achieve each objective and overall program goals and which includes designation of responsibility for each action undertaken. The extent to which the applicant provides a reasonable and complete schedule for implementing all activities. The extent to which position descriptions, curriculum vitae's and lines of command are appropriate to accomplishment of program goals and objectives and to which concurrence with the applicant by all other parties involved is specific and documented. The extent to which the proposed activities are capable of achieving the stated program goals and intent of this program announcement.

#### 3. Evaluation (25 points)

The Quality of the plan for evaluating the proposed program activities. Appropriateness of the methods to be used to monitor the implementation of proposed activities, to measure the achievement of project objectives, and to evaluate the impact of each project.

#### 4. Experience (15 points)

The extent to which the applicant has experience in teaching a two-year masters program in epidemiology with

specialization in field epidemiology with a large in-service or field component and that have the infrastructure of providing distance-based learning via the Internet.

#### 5. Background and Need (10 points)

The extent to which the applicant presents data justifying the need for the program in terms of the magnitude of need for applied epidemiology training.

#### 6. Budget (Reviewed, but not Scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds.

#### 7. Performance goals (Reviewed, but not Scored)

The extent to which the measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the performance goals for the EPO.

### I. Other Requirements

#### *Technical Reporting Requirements*

Provide CDC with an original plus two copies of—

1. Interim progress reports, no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.

b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.

c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.

d. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.

e. Additional Requested Information.

2. Financial status report (FSR) no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

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

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

#### *Additional Requirements*

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I of the program announcement, as posted on the CDC web site.

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR-14 Accounting System Requirements

**AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status**

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

**J. Where To Obtain Additional Information**

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and associated forms can be found at the CDC web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements".

For general 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 business management and budget assistance, contact: Tracey Coleman, Contract Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2074, E-mail address: [TColeman3@cdc.gov](mailto:TColeman3@cdc.gov).

For program technical assistance, contact: Dr. Robert E. Fontaine, Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of International Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, MS K-72, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-8329, E-mail address: [RFontaine@cdc.gov](mailto:RFontaine@cdc.gov) or Mr. Hoang Dang, Public Health Advisor, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of International Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, MS K-72, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-8466, E-mail address: [HDang@cdc.gov](mailto:HDang@cdc.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 03025]

**Building Inter-Country Collaboration and Cooperation for Epidemiology and Surveillance Training in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti; Notice of Availability of Funds****A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number**

This program is authorized under sections 301 and 307 of the Public

Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. sections 242l), as amended, and section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

**B. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Building Inter-Country Collaboration and Cooperation for Epidemiology and Surveillance Training in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area Public Health Infrastructure.

The purpose of this program is to strengthen inter-country activities and cooperation in the development of surveillance and field epidemiology in Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the Epidemiology Program Office (EPO): Maximize the distribution and use of scientific information and prevention messages through modern communication technology; efficiently respond to the needs of its public health partners through the provision of epidemiologic assistance; and implement accessible training programs to provide an effective work force for staffing state and local health departments, laboratories, and ministries of health in developing countries.

**C. Eligible Applicants**

Applications may be submitted by public nonprofit organizations and private nonprofit organizations.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

**D. Funding***Availability of Funds*

Approximately \$130,000 is available in FY 2003 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about June 30, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

*Direct Assistance*

No direct assistance will be provided.

*Use of Funds*

1. All requests for funds contained in the budget, shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through issuance of supplemental awards.

By making this statement all requests, not only the initial budget, but any subsequent request such as re-directions, requests for supplemental funds, carry-overs, etc. are included. This is Health and Human Services (HHS) policy.

2. Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services. Equipment may be purchased if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives, however, prior approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.

3. The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, the Gorgas Memorial Institute, and the World Health Organization, indirect costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

4. The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however, the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities (including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required).

5. Limitations and/or prohibitions on the use of funds are as follows:

a. Alterations and renovations are not allowable.

b. Customs and import duties, including consular fees, customs surtax, value-added taxes and other related charges are not allowable.

6. Awardee is required to obtain annual audit of these CDC funds (program-specific audit) by a U.S. based audit firm with International branches and current licensure/authority in country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standard(s) or equivalent standard(s) approved in writing by CDC.

7. A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, pre or post award, with the potential awardee in order to review their business