

characterize viral regulators of the PKR kinase, that should also be useful for identifying anti-viral agents that counteract the viral regulators. To expedite research and development of this system, the National Institutes of Health is seeking CRADAs with pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies in accordance with the regulations governing the transfer of Government-developed agents. Any proposal to use or develop this system will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** CRADA proposals and questions about this opportunity should be addressed to: Dr. Gordon Guroff, Deputy Scientific Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Building 49, Room 5A64, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301/496-4751).

**DATES:** CRADA proposals should be received on or before July 30, 1997 for priority consideration. However, CRADA proposals submitted thereafter will be considered until a suitable CRADA Collaborator is selected.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The protein kinase PKR is a component of the interferon-induced anti-viral defense mechanism in mammalian cells. Upon activation by binding double-stranded RNA in infected cells, the kinase down-regulates the cellular translational apparatus, and thus impairs viral protein expression. To overcome the inhibitory effects of PKR, viruses have developed efficient methods to prevent the activation or function of the kinase. A potential site of therapeutic intervention is to block viral inhibition of PKR.

The NICHD has developed a microbial system in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in which expression of PKR inhibits growth by down-regulating cellular protein synthesis. The toxicity of PKR in this system can be relieved by co-expression of viral regulatory factors including the vaccinia virus K3L protein. This simple microbial system should be amenable to high through-put screens to identify anti-viral agents that inactivate viral regulators of PKR, and thus restore PKR toxicity in this system. In addition, agents that act on PKR and reduce the sensitivity of PKR to viral regulatory factors could also be identified. This system should also be useful to identify regulators of PKR from other viruses, and then subsequently used to identify inhibitors of these newly identified viral regulatory factors.

In an effort to expedite research and development of new anti-viral agents targeting PKR, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development seeks a CRADA partner(s) for joint

exploration. Any CRADA proposals for use of this system will be considered.

The CRADA aims will include the rapid publication of research results consistent with protection of proprietary information and patentable inventions as well as the timely exploitation of commercial opportunities. The CRADA partner will enjoy the benefits of first negotiation for licensing Government rights to any inventions arising under the agreement and will advance funds payable upon signing the CRADA to help defray Government expenses for patenting such inventions and other CRADA-related costs.

The role of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development will be as follows:

1. Provide the collaborator with the data on the system covered by the agreement.
2. Provide the yeast strains and plasmids covered by the agreement.
3. Continue studies on the system to optimize growth tests for screens.
4. Work cooperatively with the Collaborator to perform the necessary controls to validate results from screens.
5. Jointly identify additional PKR inhibitors, and establish necessary strains for anti viral screens.

The role of the Collaborator will be as follows:

1. Undertake studies to evaluate the usefulness of this system for high through-put screens.
2. Cooperate to identify additional PKR inhibitors that could be tested using this system.
3. Undertake studies using this system to identify agents that inactivate viral inhibitors of PKR.

Selection criteria for choosing the CRADA Collaborator(s) will include but are not limited to the following:

1. The ability to collaborate with the NICHD on further research and development of this technology. This ability can be demonstrated through experience and expertise in this and related areas of technology.
2. The demonstration of adequate resources to perform the research and development of this technology (e.g., personnel, expertise, and facilities) and accomplish objectives according to an appropriate timetable to be outlined in the CRADA Collaborator's proposal.
3. The level of financial support the CRADA Collaborator will provide for CRADA related Government activities.
4. The willingness to cooperate with the NICHD in publication of research results consistent with the protection of proprietary information and patentable inventions which may arise during the period of the agreement.
5. Agreement to be bound by DHHS rules and regulations regarding human

subjects, patent rights, ethical treatment of animals, and randomized clinical trials.

6. Agreement with provisions for equitable distribution of patent rights to any inventions developed under the CRADA(s). Generally, the rights of ownership are retained by the organization which is the employer of the inventor, with an irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free license to the Government (when a company employee(s) is the sole inventor) or an option to negotiate an exclusive license to the company on terms that are appropriate (when the Government employee(s) are either sole or joint inventors).

Dated: March 18, 1997.

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*Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4200-N-46]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement for the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comment due date: June 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Shelia E. Jones, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410-7000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Johnson, Acting Director, State and Small Cities Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7286, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-7000. For telephone communication, contact Yvette Aidara, State and Small Cities Division, at 202-708-1322. This is not

a toll-free number. Hearing or speech impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4)

minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Community Development Block Grants: State's Program

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0085

*Description of the need for the information and proposed used:* The information is needed to assist HUD in determining whether States are carrying out the CDBG program in accordance with the applicable laws. In addition, States must maintain records at the state level to facilitate review and audit by HUD of each state's administration of its grant pursuant to section 104(e) of the statute and section 570.490 of the State CDBG rule.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:*

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires states that administer the CDBG program to submit: (1) a Final Statement that contains the community development objectives, a method of distribution, and the certification by the Governor or a duly authorized state official (Section 104(a)(1)); (2) an annual performance and evaluation report (PER) (Section 104(e)); and such records as may be necessary to facilitate review and audit by HUD of the state's administration of CDBG funds (Section 104(e)(2)).

*Members of affected public:* State Governments participating in the State administered CDBG program

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Task	Number of respondents	Frequency of response (annual)	Estimate of burden hours	Total U.S. burden hours
PER (Performance & Evaluation Report).	49 .....	1 .....	216	10,584
Recordkeeping:				
States .....	49 .....	On-going .....	117	5,733
Localities .....	3,500 .....	On going .....	26	91,000
Consolidated Plan* .....	*49 .....	(*) .....	(*)	(101,950)
Total .....	49 plus .....	.....	7065	107,317

\*ConPlan paperwork hours reported with 2506-0117.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, with minor change, of a previously approved collection for which approval is near expiration and request for OMB renewal for three years. The current OMB approval expires in April, 1997.

This report *does not* include 101,950 hours (2039 per respondent) spent on Consolidated Plan preparation and reporting. Those hours are reported with 2506-0117.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 26, 1997.

**Jacquie Lawing,**

*General Deputy, Assistant Secretary.*

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#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments due: June 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to:

Reports Liaison Officer, Sheila E. Jones, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre Maguire-Zinni, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, (202) 708-1577 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 as amended).

The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the