

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR LOUISIANA SPECIAL ELECTION

Report	Close of books	Reg./Cert. mailing date ²	Filing date
If Only the Special General is Held (05/01/99), Committees Must File:			
Pre-General	04/11/99	04/16/99	04/19/99
Post-General	05/21/99	³ 06/01/99	³ 06/01/99
If Two Elections Are Held, But a Committee is Involved Only in the Special General (05/01/99):			
Pre-General	04/11/99	04/16/99	04/19/99
Mid-Year	06/30/99	07/31/99	07/31/99
Committees Involved in the Special General (05/01/99) and Special Runoff (05/29/99) Must File:			
Pre-General	04/11/99	04/16/99	04/16/99
Pre-Runoff	05/09/99	05/14/99	05/17/99
Post-Runoff	06/18/99	06/28/99	06/28/99
Committees Involved Only in the Special Runoff (05/29/99) Must File:			
Pre-Runoff	05/09/99	05/14/99	05/17/99
Post-Runoff	06/18/99	06/28/99	06/28/99

¹ The period begins with the close of books of the last report filed by the committee. If the committee has filed no previous reports, the period begins with the date of the committee's first activity.

² Reports sent by registered or certified mail must be postmarked by the mailing date; otherwise, they must be received by the filing date.

³ The date has been adjusted because the computed date would have fallen on a federal holiday.

Dated: March 15, 1999.

Scott E. Thomas,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 202-011604-003.

Title: USA Conference.

Parties: Farrell Lines Incorporated; Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed modification revises Articles 13 (Independent Action) and 14 (Service Contracts) of the Agreement to conform with the requirements of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998. The modification also reflects a prior and now effective modification to Article 3 (the resignation of A.P. Moller-Maersk), and makes reference to the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 under Article 4.

Agreement No.: 232-11655.

Title: MSC/Evergreen South America Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: Evergreen Marine Corporation; Mediterranean Shipping Company.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the parties to charter space to one other and enter into related cooperative arrangements in the trades between U.S. East Coast and ports in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Venezuela. The parties have requested expedited review.

Agreement No.: 207-011656.

Title: West Coast Express Joint Service Agreement.

Parties: Associated Transport Line, L.L.C. ("ATL"); G.G.E. Express Line L.L.C. ("GGE"); West Coast Express (the "Joint Service").

Synopsis: The proposed agreement would authorize the parties to establish a joint service, known as the West Coast Express, that will operate in the trade between United States Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports and points, and ports and points in Panama, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. The parties have requested expedited review.

Agreement No.: 224-201071.

Title: San Francisco Mexican Line Marine Terminal Agreement.

Parties: San Francisco Port Commission; Mexican Line Limited.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement provides for the non-exclusive use of a pier and runs through March 31, 2004.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[Program Announcement 99059]

Childhood Asthma and Hazardous Substances Applied Research and Development; Notice of the Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program to conduct research on the impact of hazardous substances on childhood asthma. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Environmental Health.

The purpose of this program is to: (1) Use secondary data sources available for asthma and evaluate the contribution of environmental exposures to asthma morbidity among children, (2) provide generalizable scientific information about the association between hazardous substances and childhood asthma morbidity; and (3) develop a methodology which could serve as a useful model for other organizations when responding to questions concerning the health impact of air releases of hazardous substances.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided to official public health agencies of States or their bona fide agents or instrumentalities. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam,

the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments. State organizations, including State universities, State colleges, and State research institutions, must establish that they meet their respective State's legislature definition of a State entity or political subdivision to be considered to be an eligible applicant.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$185,000 may be available in FY 1999 to fund one or two awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$100,000, ranging from \$80,000 to \$105,000. The award(s) are expected to begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates are subject to 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.

Use of Funds

Funds may be expended for reasonable program purposes, such as personnel, travel, supplies and services. Funds for contractual services may be requested; however, the primary recipient of ATSDR funds, must perform a substantive role in carrying out project activities and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provide funds to an ineligible party. Equipment may be purchased with these funds, however, the equipment proposed should be appropriate and reasonable for the research activity to be conducted. Equipment may be acquired only when authorized and the application should provide a justification of need to acquire equipment, the description, and the cost of purchase versus lease. At the completion of the project, the equipment must be returned to ATSDR.

Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to the proposed project that is conducted in a community where a completed air pathway has already been established for one or more hazardous substances from a particular point source(s).

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and ATSDR will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (ATSDR Activities).

1. Recipient Activities

a. Develop a research project which evaluates the contribution of environmental exposures, from a point source using secondary data. Provide scientific information concerning hazardous substances and childhood asthma and develop a model for others to address the health impact of hazardous substances.

b. Develop, field test, and revise data extraction instruments.

c. Conduct the activities. Analyze data and interpret findings.

d. Disseminate research results to community members, and publish in written format.

e. Provide evidence of collaborate efforts with the state health department on proposed and future community outreach activities.

f. Collaborate with ATSDR on these program activities, and meet annually to coordinate planned efforts and review progress.

2. ATSDR Activities

a. Provide scientific, epidemiologic, and environmental assistance.

b. Collaborate on the development of the protocol and evaluation of the data extraction instruments.

c. Collaborate with awardee(s) on data analysis and interpretation of findings.

d. Provide technical assistance to awardees (if more than one award is made) to ensure a sharing of information and methodologies, as appropriate.

e. Provide assistance for the dissemination of information to community members resulting from this project.

f. Facilitate an annual meeting between awardee(s) and ATSDR to coordinate planned efforts and review progress.

E. Application Content

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 your program plan. The application must be developed in accordance with PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB) Number 0937-0189) information. The entire application, including appendices, should not exceed 50 pages and the Proposal Narrative section contained therein should not exceed 30 pages. Pages should be clearly numbered and a complete table of contents to the application and any appendices included. The original and each copy of the application must be submitted unstapled and unbound. All

materials must be typewritten, double-spaced, with unrounded type (font size 12 point) on 8½" by 11" paper, with at least 1" margins, headers, and footers, and printed on one side only. Do not include any spiral or bound materials or pamphlets.

1. Title Page

The heading should include the title of cooperative agreement announcement, project title, organization, name and address, project director's name address and telephone number.

2. Abstract

A one page, singled-spaced, typed abstract must be submitted with the application. The heading should include the title of cooperative agreement announcement, project title, organization, name and address, project director and telephone number. This abstract should include a work plan identifying activities to be developed, activities to be completed, and a timeline for completion of these activities.

3. Application Narrative

The narrative of each application must address the evaluation component in addition to the following:

a. Briefly state the applicant's understanding of the need or problem to be addressed, the purpose, and goals over the 3 year period of the cooperative agreement.

b. Describe in detail the objectives and the methods to be used to achieve the objectives of the project. The objectives should be specific, time-phased, measurable, and achievable during each budget period. The objectives should directly relate to the program goals. Identify the steps to be taken in planning and implementing the objectives and the responsibilities of the applicant for carrying out the steps.

c. Provide the name, qualifications, and proposed time allocation of the Principal Investigator who will be responsible for administering the project. Describe staff, experience, facilities, equipment available for performance of this project, and other resources that define the applicant's capacity or potential to accomplish the requirements stated above. List the names (if known), qualifications, and time allocations of the existing professional staff to be assigned to (or recruited for) this project, the support staff available for performance of this project, and the available facilities including space.

d. Document the applicant's expertise, and extent of experience in the areas of

asthma, environmental health, and population-based epidemiologic studies.

e. Provide letters of support or other documentation demonstrating coordination with the state health department and all other agencies or organizations described as participating in the project.

f. Describe how the affected communities will be involved the proposed project.

g. Human Subjects: State whether or not Humans are subjects in this proposal. (See Human Subjects in the Evaluation Criteria and Other Requirements sections.)

h. Inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups: Describe how the CDC/ATSDR policy requirements will be met regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. (See Women, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Evaluation Criteria and Other Requirements sections.)

4. Budget

Provide a detailed budget which indicates anticipated costs for personnel, equipment, travel, communications, supplies, postage, and the sources of funds to meet these needs. The applicant should be precise about the program purpose of each budget item. For contracts described within the application budget, applicants should name the contractor, if known; describe the services to be performed; and provide an itemized breakdown and justification for the estimated costs of the contract; the kinds of organizations or parties to be selected; the period of performance; and the method of selection. Place the budget narrative pages showing, in detail, how funds in each object class will be spent, directly behind form 424A. Do not put these pages in the body of the application. ATSDR may not approve or fund all proposed activities.

F. Submission and Deadline

Pre-Application Letter of Intent

In order to enable ATSDR to determine the level of interest in the program announcement, a non-binding letter-of-intent to apply is requested from potential applicants. The letter should be submitted to Lisa Garbarino, Grants Management Officer, Attn: Nelda Godfrey, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, Georgia, 30341-4146. It should be postmarked no later than May 17, 1999. The letter should identify program announcement number 99059,

and name and phone number of contact person.

Application

The original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 must be submitted to Lisa Garbarino, Grants Management Officer, Attn: Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Atlanta, Georgia, 30341-4146 on or before July 16, 1999. (By formal agreement, the CDC Procurement and Grants Office will act for and on behalf of ATSDR on this matter.)

1. Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

a. Received on or before the deadline date, or

b. Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the objective review group. (Applicants should request a legibly-dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly-dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.a. or 1.b. above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an objective review group appointed by ATSDR.

Review Criteria

1. Understanding of the Problem (10 percent) Responsiveness to the objectives of the cooperative agreement including:

a. The applicant's understanding of the problems related to community exposures to hazardous substances and concerns regarding morbidity from childhood asthma, and

b. Relevance of the proposed program to these and related problems.

2. Program Personnel (20 percent).

a. Applicant's technical experience and understanding (e.g. in the areas of asthma, environmental health, and population-based epidemiologic studies).

b. Qualifications and time allocation of the professional staff to be assigned to this project.

c. Extent to which the management staff and their working partners are clearly described.

3. Goals and Objectives (10 percent). The extent to which the proposed goals

and objectives are clearly stated and measurable.

4. Study Design and Methods (30 percent).

a. Adequacy of the study design and methodology for accomplishing the stated goals and objectives.

b. The degree to which efficient and innovative approaches are proposed to address the problems.

c. The extent to which the applicant's plans and schedule proposed for accomplishing the activities to be carried out in this project are clearly stated, are realistic given the length of the funding period, and can be achieved within the proposed budget.

d. Adequacy of plan for recruitment and outreach for study participants including the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies), the state health department, and recognition of the mutual benefits.

5. Community Involvement and Dissemination of Results (20 percent).

Adequacy of plans to address community concerns and create lines of communication. Adequacy of methods to disseminate the study results to state and local public health officials, tribal governments, Indian Health Service, community residents, and to other concerned individuals and organizations.

6. Facilities and Resources (9 percent). The adequacy of the applicant's facilities, equipment, and other resources available for performance of this project.

7. Minority Populations (1 percent). The degree to which the applicant has met the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research.

This includes:

a. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

b. The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

c. A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

d. A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community (ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

8. Human Subjects (Not scored).

Does the application adequately address the requirements of 45 CFR 46 for the protection of human subjects?

_____ yes _____ no Comments:

_____ A statement must address whether or not exempt from the Department of Health and Human

Services (DHHS) regulations. Are procedures adequate for the protection of human subjects? Recommendations on the adequacy of protections include: (a) protections appear adequate, and there are no comments to make or concerns to raise, (b) protections appear adequate, but there are comments regarding the protocol, (c) protections appear inadequate and the Objective Review Group has concerns related to human subjects, or (d) disapproval of the application is recommended because the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against the risks are inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.

9. Budget Justification (Not Scored)
The budget will be evaluated to the extent that it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of funds.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with the original and two copies of:

1. Semi-annual progress report (Attachment 2)
2. Financial Status Report (FSR) no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period
3. Final financial status report and performance report, no more than 90 days after the end of the project.

Send all reports to: Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Cooperative Agreement Number: _____, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-4146.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For complete description of each, see Attachment 1 in the application kit.

- AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements
- AR-2 Requirements of Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2000
- AR-17 Peer Review and Technical Reviews of Final

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AR-18 ..	Cost Recovery—ATSDR.
AR-19 ..	Third Party Agreements—ATSDR.

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized in Sections 104(i)(1)(E) and (15) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604 (i)(1)(E) and (15)]. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.161.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Please refer to Program Announcement 99059 when you request information. To receive additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement Number of interest. If you have any questions after reviewing the contents of the application kit please contact: Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-4146, Telephone (770) 488-2722, E-mail address: nag9@cdc.gov.

To obtain technical assistance, contact: Sherri Berger, Epidemiologist, Health Investigations Branch, Division of Health Studies, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop E-31, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-5149, E-mail address: sob8@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99002]

Public Health Conference Support Cooperative Agreement; Program for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention; Notice of Availability of Funds

A notice announcing the availability of Fiscal Year 1999 funds for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Public Health Conference Support Program was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 1998, [Vol. 64 FR No.46, pages 11911-11914] [FR Doc. 99-5867]. The notice is rescinded in its entirety, due to lack of funds.

Dated: March 15, 1999.

John L. Williams,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food And Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-0461]

Ticona; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ticona has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of polyphenylene sulfone resins as articles or components of articles intended for repeated use in contact with food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4644) has been filed by Ticona, c/o Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in Part 177 *Indirect Food*