

policy, and has a particular interest in understanding the effects of welfare reform in urban areas. Most welfare reform studies to date have not been in large cities, and thus have not addressed the challenges posed by high levels of unemployment and by concentrated poverty. These questions are critical because caseloads have not declined as much in cities as in other parts of the country, and also because the lessons from urban areas may be applicable elsewhere in the case of an economic downturn.

ASPE believes that MDRC is uniquely qualified to work with ASPE to meet this goal for the following reasons:

1. The Project on Devolution and Urban Change presents a unique opportunity to learn about the implementation and impacts of welfare reform in four large urban areas—Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Miami. MDRC has an ongoing working relationship with key officials in each city and has already obtained commitments from the state and local governments in these areas to provide extensive longitudinal administrative data for research purposes.

2. This project brings together data from an unusually wide array of sources: longitudinal administrative data for all families receiving AFDC/TANF or Food Stamps dating back to 1992; survey data; an implementation study; neighborhood indicators; an institutional study focusing on local service providers; and an ethnographic study of a limited number of families. This will allow the researchers to capture effects that might be missed in one approach, and to improve our understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. It is unlikely that this breadth of sources could be replicated. MDRC has assembled a multi-disciplinary team of distinguished researchers to collect and analyze this data.

3. This project leverages a substantial commitment of private sector funding. Of the total \$20.4 million cost of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change, over \$16 million has already been committed by private funders, with an additional \$1.7 million in pending proposals. This funding allows for a breadth of research far beyond what could be obtained through the federal support alone.

4. MDRC is one of the pre-eminent institutions in the area of welfare and welfare-to-work research, having conducted projects in over 400 communities in 40 states. MDRC has developed a reputation for objective, high-quality work. This project will involve several of MDRC's senior

researchers, as well as consultants who are recognized as leaders in their areas of concentration.

Approximately \$600,000 is available in FY 2001 for a one-year project period for this cooperative agreement. A portion of this support is provided by the Administration for Children and Families, DHHS, and the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

#### **Where To Obtain Additional Information**

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Office of Human Services Policy, ASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 404E, Washington, DC, 20201 or telephone: 202 690-6808.

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**William F. Raub,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Notice of an Extension of Cooperative Agreements for National Poverty Research Centers**

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE) announces its intention to award a one year non-competitive extension of its poverty research center cooperative agreements. In FY 1996 the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) awarded two five-year cooperative agreements to support national poverty research centers. The poverty center program provides basic and applied research into the causes, consequences and remedies of poverty as well as provide for the mentoring and training of poverty scholars, and a forum for dissemination of research and evaluation findings. The recipients of the cooperative agreements were the Joint Center for Poverty Research at Northwestern University/University of Chicago (JCPR) and the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin (IRP). The current grant period expires in late FY 2001.

OASPE intends to extend the cooperative agreements for one-year at current funding levels: \$1,500,000 to JCPR and \$500,000 to IRP. The extension will allow sufficient time for OASPE to reexamine the purposes and

goals of its poverty center program and provide ample time for a new full and open competition. This extension will allow the current national poverty research centers to continue to provide high quality basic and applied poverty research, mentoring and training activities, and dissemination of policy relevant findings as specified in the cooperative agreements.

#### **Authorizing Legislation**

These cooperative agreements are authorized under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act.

Nothing in this announcement commits OASPE to renewing or re-competing the poverty center program.

Comments and questions related to this extension will be accepted until July 18, 2001. Written comments should be directed to Donald T. Oellerich, OASPE Project Officer by e-mail at [doelleri@osaspe.dhhs.gov](mailto:doelleri@osaspe.dhhs.gov) or fax at 202-690-6562 or by mail at DHHS, OASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 404E, Washington, DC 20201.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry**

**[Program Announcement 01103]**

##### **Alaska Traditional Diet Project; Notice of Availability of Funds**

#### **A. Purpose**

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a grant program for the Alaska Traditional Diet Project. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas for Environmental Health; Maternal, Infant, and Child Health; and Educational and Community-Based Programs.

Congress has directed ATSDR to identify and study contaminants in the environment, subsistence resources, and people in Alaska Native populations. The scope of the project covers all users of Alaska traditional foods, including subsistence, commercial and recreational, and does not focus solely on Alaska Native users.

The purpose of the program is to begin defining the dietary consumption patterns of rural Alaska subsistence diet

users. This dietary information will be used by Alaskans for public health data collection. The data collected will support other efforts by public health entities in Alaska to better define both the risk of exposures to environmental contaminants in the diet and the nutritional benefits of the foods. Due to the diversity of lifestyles, cultures, and foods harvested in different areas of Alaska, dietary consumption data collections must be completed in various regions of Alaska.

## B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the Alaska Native Health Board. No other applications are solicited. The fiscal year 2001 Federal appropriations specifically direct ATSDR to study contaminants in the environment, subsistence resources, and people in Alaska Native populations. The Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) is uniquely qualified to coordinate activities as directed by the congressionally appropriated money to ATSDR since its programs and functions are directed by the 22 Alaska Native regional health organizations that serve 108,000 Alaska Natives. ANHB's activities have evolved to provide statewide support through technical assistance, research, wellness, environmental and contaminant programs.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code, Chapter 26, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

## C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$350,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 2001, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of one year. Funding estimates may change.

### 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 awardee, as the direct and primary recipient of ATSDR grant 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 grant funds. However, the equipment proposed should be appropriate and reasonable

for the research activity to be conducted. Property may be acquired only when authorized in the grant. The awardee, as part of the application process, should provide a justification of need to acquire property, the description, and the cost of purchase versus lease. At the completion of the project, the equipment will be returned to ATSDR.

## D. Program Requirements

The purpose of the program is to define the dietary consumption patterns of rural Alaska subsistence diet users. Data from this grant will be utilized by the public health agencies and organizations in Alaska, and the Alaska Native health corporations, as they develop a coordinated response to contaminant issues in traditional food supplies.

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose and objectives of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the following activities:

1. Identify an appropriate Alaska-specific dietary survey. The survey (or surveys) should contain a core section that is applicable to all Alaska regions and provide for the collection of regional-specific information as appropriate.
2. Establish an ad hoc oversight group to provide advice on the identification of regions to be surveyed and to advise on other technical aspects on the conduct of the survey.
3. Conduct training for the staff selected to conduct the survey and for staff compiling the data.
4. Provide education and consultation with the communities selected regarding the program throughout the various stages of the survey implementation.
5. Identify regions in Alaska to be surveyed; and complete the surveys within the defined populations to include needed seasonal variations and complete definition of diets within the regions being surveyed. The data collected should also include the amounts of traditional foods consumed by Alaska Native villagers and others residing in the villages, the portion of the diet that is non-traditional, seasonal dietary variations, and the methods of preservation and preparation of the food items.
6. Compile the data, extracting the information as appropriate, and organizing the results in a database format that can be utilized for inter-regional analysis.

## E. Application Content

In a narrative form, the application should include a discussion of areas

under the "Evaluation Criteria" section of this announcement as they relate to the proposed program. These criteria serve as the basis for evaluating the application; therefore, omissions or incomplete information may affect the rating of the application. This program does not require in-kind support or matching funds, however, the applicant should describe any in-kind support in the application.

The narrative should be no more than 25 pages, double-spaced, printed on one-side, with 1" margins, and un-reduced fonts (font size 12 point) on 8½" by 11" paper. The pages must be clearly numbered, and a complete index to the application and its appendices must be included. The original and two copies of the application must be submitted unstapled and unbound.

## F. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are available at the following Internet address: [www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm), or in the application kit.

On or before August 15, 2001, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

## G. Evaluation Criteria

The application will be evaluated against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by ATSDR.

### 1. Proposed Program (50 percent)

The extent to which the application addresses:

- (a) The approach, feasibility, adequacy, and rationale of the proposed project design;
- (b) the technical merit of the proposed project, including the degree to which the project can be expected to yield results that meet the program description as described in the purpose and program requirements sections of the announcement;
- (c) the proposed project timeline, including clearly established project objectives for which progress toward attainment can and will be measured;
- (d) the proposed community involvement strategy;
- (e) the proposed method to disseminate the results to the village communities and tribal governments, State and local public health officials, and other concerned individuals and organizations;
- (f) a plan for evaluating the project's effectiveness in meeting the objectives.

## 2. Program Personnel (25 percent)

The extent to which the application has described the qualifications, experience, and commitment of the principal investigator (or project director) and his/her ability to devote adequate time and effort to provide effective leadership.

## 3. Applicant Capability and Coordination Efforts (25 percent)

The extent to which the application has described:

(a) the capability of the applicant's administrative structure to foster successful scientific and administrative management of the program;

(b) the capability of the applicant to demonstrate an appropriate plan for interaction with the community; and

(c) the level of collaboration needed to conduct the program; and demonstrate that an advisory group can be established at the onset of the project.

## 4. Program Budget—(not scored)

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

## 5. Human Subjects (not scored)

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

## H. Other Requirements

### Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of—

1. Annual progress report;
2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
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.

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

- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2010
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-18 Cost Recovery—ATSDR
- AR-19 Third Party Agreements—ATSDR

## I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 104 (i)(5)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 [42 U.S.C. 9604 (i)(5)(9A), and (15)] and U.S. Senate Report 106-410. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.161.

## J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other ATSDR announcements can be found on the CDC home page Internet address—<http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from:

Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: 770-488-2722, Email address: [nag9@cdc.gov](mailto:nag9@cdc.gov)

For program technical assistance, contact: Leslie C. Campbell, Environmental Health Scientist, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, MS E-32, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: 404-498-0473, Email address: [lcampbell@cdc.gov](mailto:lcampbell@cdc.gov)

or

William Cibulas, Chief, Research Implementation Branch, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, MS E-29, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: 404-498-0715, Email address: [wcibulas@cdc.gov](mailto:wcibulas@cdc.gov).

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**Georgi Jones,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

National Exposure Registry—Extension—(OMB No. 0923-0006) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is mandated pursuant to the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and its 1986 Amendments, the Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act (SARA), to establish and maintain a national registry of persons who have been exposed to hazardous substances in the environment and a national registry of persons with illnesses or health problems resulting from such exposure. ATSDR created the National Exposure Registry (NER) as a result of this legislation in an effort to provide scientific information about potential adverse health effects people develop as a result of low-level, long-term exposure to hazardous substances.

The National Exposure Registry is a program that collects, maintains, and analyzes information obtained from participants (called registrants) whose exposure to selected toxic substances at specific geographic areas in the United States was documented. Relevant health data and demographic information are also included in the NER database. The NER databases furnish the information needed to generate appropriate and valid hypothesis for future activities such as epidemiologic studies. The NER also serves as a mechanism for longitudinal health investigations that follow registrants over time to ascertain