

administered as a multivalent mixture. Compared to other human-bovine rotavirus reassortants, the compositions described in this technology induce an immunological response at significantly lower dosage than other human-bovine rotavirus reassortants (which required 10–100 times the dose of human-rhesus reassortants) and does not result in a low-grade, transient fever.

The prospective partially exclusive licenses will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective partially exclusive licenses may be granted unless, within 90 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

The field of use may be limited to development of human-bovine reassortant rotavirus vaccines.

The licensed territory will be exclusive as outlined above and excluding U.S., Europe, and Canada.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: September 17, 2004.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Announcement of Draft 5-Year Strategic Plan

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) is developing its 5-year strategic plan (2005–2009), and invites the public to provide comments on a draft of this plan. The draft plan will be publicly available through the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov> from on or about October 4 through November 15, 2004. The

public is invited to provide comments through the mail and via the NCCAM Web site.

Background

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) was established in 1998 with the mission of exploring complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science, training CAM researchers, and disseminating authoritative information to the public and professionals.

To date, NCCAM's efforts to rigorously study CAM, to train CAM researchers, to conduct outreach, and to facilitate integration have been guided by NCCAM's current strategic plan, "Expanding Horizons of Healthcare: Five Year Strategic Plan 2001–2005" located on the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov/about/plans/fiveyear/index.htm>. Since its inception, NCCAM has funded over 800 research projects and has over 700 grantee publications.

NCCAM's new strategic plan will stipulate strategic goals and will outline a research agenda for CAM domains and scientific areas, based on identified needs and opportunities.

The public is invited to review the draft strategic plan and provide comments from October 4 through November 15, 2004. The draft plan may be viewed at <http://nccam.nih.gov/>. Hard copies of the plan may be obtained by calling 1–888–644–6226 or by e-mailing to info@nccam.nih.gov.

Request for Comments

The public is invited to provide comments on the draft strategic plan for 2005–2009. Comments may be provided through the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov> or via U.S. mail to: Strategic Plan Feedback, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2182, Bethesda, MD 20892–2182.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information, visit the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov>, call 1–888–644–6226, or e-mail info@nccam.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding the draft of NCCAM's strategic plan are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 15, 2004.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

Christy Thomsen,

Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Statutory Monetary Civil Penalty Increase for Bridge Violations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public that on August 9, 2004, President Bush signed the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 which, in part, increases the monetary civil penalty amount the Coast Guard can levy for a violation of bridge regulations and statutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Chris Jaufmann, Coast Guard, telephone 202–267–0368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 33 U.S.C. 495(b), 499(c), 502(c), and 533(b), authorizes assessing penalties for violations of bridge regulations found in 33 CFR parts 115, 116, 117, and 118. The maximum penalty amount that could be levied per bridge violation per day was \$1,000. In 1997, the maximum penalty amount was raised to \$1,100 to adjust for inflation.

On August 9, 2004 President Bush signed the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 into law. (Pub. L. 108–293) section 601 of this act, raises the maximum civil penalty amount that the Coast Guard can levy per bridge violation per day from \$1,100 to \$5000 for the remainder of 2004. The Act then raises that amount by \$5000 increments at the start of each calendar year until 2008 when the maximum amount allowed per violation per day will be \$25,000. Thus, the penalty is \$5,000 for a violation occurring in 2004; \$10,000 for a violation occurring in 2005; \$15,000 for a violation occurring in 2006; \$20,000 for a violation occurring in 2007; and \$25,000 for a violation occurring in 2008 and every year after that. This increase took effect immediately upon signature.