

security issues related to a nationwide health information technology infrastructure and strategies to ensure that patients' individually identifiable health information is secure and protected; (4) leads health information technology research efforts for ONC to help inform policy decisions and conducts key technical, scientific, economic, statistical and other studies related to health information technology; (5) develops procedures and pilot efforts for how medical knowledge can be collected, validated and available at the point of care; (6) facilitates discussions within HHS on the policy implications of key health information technology activities, and supports the National Coordinator in considering the policy implications of key health information technology activities; and (7) provides specialized technology and statistical expertise in support of policy proposal analysis.

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Michael O. Leavitt,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Request for Application AA213]

Building and Strengthening Haiti's National Plan for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS, Including Support for the Coordination of a National HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Protocol and New HIV/AIDS Training Initiatives; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2005 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide a funding mechanism for joint activities between CDC and the Haitian Ministry of Health-Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP) in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment. Joint activities during the project period will focus on strengthening the MSPP's capacity to lead, coordinate and oversee the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of HIV/AIDS-related health activities, including diagnostic laboratories and programs such as VCT, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), and other care and treatment interventions. These goals will be

accomplished through collaboration between the MSPP, CDC Haiti and its partners including, but not limited to, the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), American Public Health Laboratories (APHL), University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP), International Training and Education Center for HIV/AIDS (ITECH) and local partners. Collaborative activities between CDC and the MSPP are intended to produce measurable improvements in the delivery of public-sector HIV/AIDS services in Haiti.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.067.

B. Eligible Applicant

This is a single eligibility request for application (RFA) from the Haitian MSPP. No other applicants are solicited.

The national public health system in Haiti remains the primary source of care for the majority of the Haitian Population. This system is directly managed by the Haitian Ministry of Health as it is an inherently governmental role to provide a basic level of health care to ensure that a minimum standard of public health is achieved. The MSPP is responsible for the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS in Haiti. This responsibility includes updating the national protocols for care and treatment and as well as national coordination of HIV/AIDS service delivery and training.

It would be inefficient and unsustainable to develop a parallel system outside of the public health system to provide prevention, treatment, and other service delivery solely for HIV/AIDS.

C. Funding

Approximately \$11,620,000 is available over a five year project period. \$2,324,000 will be available in FY 2005 for a 12-month budget period. The approximate date for the award is September 15, 2005. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or 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 program technical assistance, contact: Kathy Grooms, CDC Global AIDS Program, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-04, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: 404-639-8394, E-mail: Kgrooms@cdc.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Vivian Walker, Grants Management Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-2724, E-mail: vew4@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement AA083]

Enhancement of Palliative Care Tuberculosis (TB)/Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Collaboration in the United Republic of Tanzania Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2005 funds for a cooperative agreement program to increase and build the capacity of health care workers in Tanzania that are in the early diagnosis and treatment stage of TB and/or HIV in co-infected patients.

The purpose of the announcement is to support the efforts to increase and build the capacity of health care workers in Tanzania and Zanzibar in the early diagnosis and treatment of TB and/or HIV in co-infected patients by building upon the existing framework of health policy and programming the NTLP has itself initiated. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has mandated the NTLP to coordinate and implement activities necessary for the control of TB and leprosy, including HIV/AIDS among TB patients. The NTLP also has the technical ability to oversee the project, by ensuring the activities implemented are integrated into the national strategy for TB and leprosy in Tanzania.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.067.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will only be provided to the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (NTLP) for this project.