

the results and conclusions into evidence reports and technology assessments (visit AHRQ's website www.ahrq.gov for Summaries of EPC reports).

EPC evidence reports and technology assessments have been used by systems of care, professional societies, health plans, public and private purchasers, States, and other entities, as a scientific foundation for development and implementation of their own clinical practice guidelines, clinical pathways, review criteria, performance measures, and other clinical quality improvement tools, as well as for formulation of evidence-based policies related to specific health care technologies.

The objectives of the upcoming second competition for the EPC Program (EPC II) are: (1) Continuation of the methodologically rigorous systematic reviews and analyses of scientific literature on clinical, organizational, and financing systems topics; (2) updating or prior EPC reports; (3) supporting EPC methodologies assistance to professional organizations and others, to facilitate translation of the evidence reports into quality improvement tools, educational programs, etc.; and (4) expanded EPC methods and implementation research.

The EPC Program is an essential component of AHRQ's resources for evidence-based systematic reviews, analyses, and research. AHRQ intends that evidence reports, technology assessments, and research, flowing from EPC II will be more useful to a broader array of stakeholders—consumers, providers, employers, policymakers—and be more rapidly available. AHRQ invites your comments and suggestions on how to achieve these EPC Program goals.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of Unsolicited Proposal

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the award of Fiscal Year 2001 funds in the amount of \$42,140 for a one-year research grant entitled "International Pooled Analysis of Lead-Exposed Cohorts." The

recipient is Children's Hospital Research Foundation, Division of General Pediatrics, 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-3039.

Performance Period: September 30, 2001 through September 29, 2002.

This grant addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Environmental Health. The purpose of the program is to examine lead-associated cognitive deficits below 10 µg/dL.

B. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To obtain business management technical assistance, contact: Sharron Orum, Lead 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) 488-2716, FAX: (770) 488-2777, Email address: spo2@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Pamela Meyer, Epidemiologist, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Executive Park, Building 6, Room 1043, Mailstop E-17, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: (770) 498-1015, FAX: (770) 498-1088, Email address: PMeyer@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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State Implementation Projects for Preventing Secondary Conditions and Promoting the Health of People With Disabilities; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for cooperative agreements for State implementation projects for preventing secondary conditions and promoting the health of persons with disabilities. This program addresses the

Healthy People 2010 focus area of Disability and Secondary Conditions.

The purpose of this program is to support States in preventing secondary conditions in persons with disabilities and in implementing effective health promotion and wellness programs for persons with disabilities.

This announcement is comprised of three levels of cooperative agreements:

Level I—Full State Implementation Projects with Intervention and Evaluation Components. The purpose of this Level is to sustain and expand support for States having already established CDC programs, provide the resources to build upon achievements and effective collaborations now in place, and allow States to immediately implement intervention programs to address the documented needs of targeted populations. Level I awards will also provide a mechanism to permit States to offer on-site guidance and consultation to other State projects to accelerate their development and capacity to also prevent secondary conditions and promote the health of people with disabilities. Level I projects are expected to implement targeted interventions during the first budget year.

Level II—State Implementation Projects. The purpose of this Level is: (1) To allow currently funded States that may not meet the comprehensive requirements for a Level I award to continue to develop their State Plan, advisory, program management, disability surveillance, partnering, health promotion, and intervention planning functions to advance toward a Full State Implementation Project; and (2) to allow States not currently funded that have an advanced capacity to also address and achieve the program status and operational components noted above, and expressed under the Recipient Activities listed in this announcement. Level II projects should have the capacity to implement targeted interventions within the project period based on established or developed capacity.

Level III—State Infrastructure Development Projects. The purpose of this Level is to provide States not currently funded with the resources to develop the infrastructure necessary, and build the capacity to meet the comprehensive requirements and components of a State implementation project over time. These States should aspire to demonstrate performance that could later form the basis for consideration for additional funding based on the achievement of program goals and objectives. Funding for Level III projects is designed to develop State