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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Sixth Annual Philip S. Chen, Jr. Distinguished Lecture on Innovation and Technology Transfer

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Director, NIH, invites you to the sixth annual Philip S. Chen, Jr., Ph.D. Distinguished Lecture on Innovation and Technology Transfer.

DATES: Friday, December 9, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: NIH campus, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, NIH Clinical Center (Building 10), Masur Auditorium.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Dr. Ira Pastan will present “Treatment of Cancer with Recombinant Immunotoxins: From Technology Transfer to the Patient.” Dr. Pastan is an NIH Distinguished Investigator and Chief, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research.

This annual series honors Dr. Philip S. Chen, Jr. for his almost 50 years of service to the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Chen established NIH’s Office of Technology Transfer in 1986 to implement the Federal Technology Transfer Act. The inventions in the Office of Technology Transfer’s intellectual property portfolio are crucial in advancing the NIH mission—making important discoveries that improve health and save lives.

The event will be available as an NIH videocast for desktop viewing at <http://videocast.nih.gov/>. The link will be live at the time the presentation is scheduled to begin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Individuals with disabilities who need Sign Language Interpreters and/or reasonable accommodation to participate in this event should contact

Joe Kleinman at (301) 496–0472 and/or the Federal Relay (1–(800) 877–8339). Requests should be made at least 5 days in advance of the event.

Dated: November 7, 2011.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Deputy Director, Licensing & Entrepreneurship, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2011–0028]

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of guidance.

SUMMARY: This Notice provides guidelines that describe the application process for grants and the criteria for awarding grants in the fiscal year (FY) 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program year. It explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the Nation’s fire service leadership during the annual Criteria Development meeting, which was held October 6–7, 2010. The application period for the FY 2011 AFG Program year was open from August 15, 2011, to September 23, 2011, and was announced on <http://www.grants.gov>. Approximately 16,491 applications for AFG funding were submitted electronically, using the application submission form and process available at <https://portal.fema.gov>. Before the application period, the *FY 2011 AFG Guidance and Application Kit* was published on the AFG Web site (<http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>). Additional information to assist applicants also was provided on the AFG Web site, including an applicant tutorial, a *Get Ready Guide*, and a *Narrative Assistance Guide*. The AFG Program makes grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations for the purpose of enhancing the abilities of first responders to protect the health and safety of the public as well as that of first-responder personnel facing fire and fire-related hazards. In addition, the authorizing statute requires that a minimum of 5 percent of appropriated

funds be expended for fire prevention and safety grants, which are also made directly to local fire departments and to local, regional, State, or national entities recognized for their expertise in the fields of fire prevention and firefighter safety research and development.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2229, 2229a.

DATES: Grant applications for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants were accepted electronically at <https://portal.fema.gov>, August 15, 2011 to September 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Assistance to Firefighters Grants Branch, Stop 3620, DHS/FEMA, 800 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20472–3620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Patterson, Chief, Assistance to Firefighters Grants Branch, 1–(866) 274–0960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the AFG Program is to provide grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel, with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The governing statute requires that each year DHS publish in the **Federal Register** the guidelines that describe the application process and the criteria for grant awards.

Approximately 16,491 applications for AFG funding were submitted electronically, using the application submission form and process available at <https://portal.fema.gov>. Specific information about the submission of grant applications can be found in the *FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Guidance and Application Kit*, which is available for download at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants> and at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA–2011–0028.

Paper applications were accepted but discouraged due to the inherent delays with processing them and because they lack the applicant “help” features that are built into the electronic application. Applicants were able to obtain a copy of the official paper application form by calling 1–(866) 274–0960. Paper applications were sent via regular mail only; no application forms were sent via overnight delivery, fax, or email. Applicants were allowed to submit only the FY 2011 AFG application form that was mailed to them by the AFG. No other version of the application was accepted. Applicants were instructed not to use any paper application that they did not receive directly from the AFG and were instructed not to use a previous year’s application. Paper applications had to be postmarked no