

Part VII of the proposed order allows the respondents to make representations for any product that are specifically permitted in labeling for that product by regulations issued by the FDA under the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990.

Part VIII provides for the payment of \$100,000 to the Commission.

Part IX requires respondents to cooperate in good faith with the Commission's reasonable requests for documents and testimony in connection with this action or any investigations related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the FTC complaint.

Part X requires respondents to send a letter to purchasers for resale of Xenadrine EFX notifying them of the Commission's order. It also provides that if respondents learn that any of its resellers or distributors are disseminating any advertisement or promotional material containing prohibited representations, they are required to request that the resellers or distributors stop making such representations and to stop doing business with resellers or distributors that do not comply with this request. Part XI requires respondents to keep copies of the communications required by Part X.

Parts XII through XVI require respondents to keep copies of relevant advertisements and materials substantiating claims made in the advertisements; to provide copies of the order to certain of their personnel; to notify the Commission of changes in corporate structure (for the corporate respondents) and changes in employment (for the individual respondent) that might affect compliance obligations under the order; and to file compliance reports with the Commission. Part XVII provides that the order will terminate after twenty (20) years under certain circumstances.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office of Governmentwide Policy; Cancellation of Standard Form by the Department of the Treasury

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury cancelled the following Standard Form:

SF 1034A, Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than Personal.

This form is no longer required by Treasury.

DATES: Effective July 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Speed, Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2784.

Dated: July 8, 2005.

Barbara M. Williams,

Standard and Optional Forms Management Officer, General Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fragile X Syndrome Cascade Testing and Genetic Counseling Protocols

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Opportunity Number:

AA097.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 93.283.

Key Dates: Letter of Intent (LOI)

Deadline: July 28, 2005.

Application Deadline: August 17, 2005.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under Sections 301, 311 and 317(C) of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 241, 243, and 247b-4 as amended].

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to develop and disseminate cascade testing and genetic counseling protocols for conditions related to changes in the Fragile X Mental Retardation 1 (FMR-1) gene, including Fragile X syndrome, Fragile X-associated Tremor/Ataxia Syndrome (FXTAS), and premature ovarian insufficiency and related fertility problems. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Maternal, Infant and Child Health.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one (or more)

of the following performance goal(s) for the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD): Prevent birth defects and developmental disabilities, and improve the health and quality of life of Americans with disabilities.

This announcement is only for non-research activities supported by CDC. If research is proposed, the application will not be reviewed. For the definition of research, please see the CDC Web site at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/ads/opspoll1.htm>.

Activities

- Using literature review and expert opinion, identify key issues related to cascade testing and genetic counseling for FMR-1 genetic testing.

- Develop protocols for cascade testing of family members of people identified with a mutation in the FMR-1 gene, including people with mental retardation or developmental delays, males with FXTAS, and females with premature ovarian insufficiency and related fertility problems.

- Develop protocols for genetic counseling to be used in conjunction with genetic testing for FMR-1 mutations. Protocols will include issues related to the likelihood of repeat allele expansion, impact of mosaicism, and prevalence of mental retardation and developmental delay among individuals with intermediate repeat alleles, premutations or full mutations.

- Ensure that the protocols address the key issues identified by literature review and expert opinion.

- Ensure that the protocols are appropriate for consumer needs and scientifically valid.

- Disseminate protocols to key stakeholders, including pediatricians, family practitioners, obstetricians, gynecologists, neurologists, nurses, clinical geneticists, genetic counselors, and parents.

- Develop a carefully designed and well-planned evaluation plan to monitor progress on activities and to assess the timeliness, completeness, and success of the project (applicants are encouraged to review the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Recommendations and Reports "Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health" September 17, 199/50 (RR13); 1-35 available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/RR/RR4811.pdf>). The plan should be based on a clear rational relating the activities within the cooperative agreement, projects goals, and evaluation measures. Applicants are encouraged to include evaluation plans for both outputs (for

example, number of practitioners reached) and outcomes (for example, changes in genetic testing practices).

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring. CDC Activities for this program are as follows:

- Assist recipients in monitoring program evaluation/performance, setting and meeting objectives, implementing methods, and complying with cooperative agreement requirements and other funding issues, through various methods including telephone consultation, site visits, and site visit reports.
- Assist recipients in developing and maintaining working relationships with stakeholder organizations.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement.

CDC involvement in this program is listed in the "Activities" Section above.

Fiscal Year Funds: 2005.

Approximate Total Funding: \$250,000 (This amount is an estimate, and is subject to availability of funds.).

Approximate Number of Awards: One.

Approximate Average Award: \$250,000 (This amount is for the first 12-month budget period, and includes both direct and indirect costs.).

Floor of Award Range: \$200,000.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$300,000 (This ceiling is for the first 12-month budget period.).

Anticipated Award Date: August 31, 2005.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: One year.

Throughout the project period, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will be conditioned on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants that can apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

- Public nonprofit organizations.
- Private nonprofit organizations.
- For profit organizations.
- Small, minority, women-owned businesses.
- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Research institutions.
- Hospitals.

- Community-based organizations.
- Faith-based organizations.
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments.
- Indian tribes.
- Indian tribal organizations.
- State and local governments or their Bona Fide Agents (this includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).
- Political subdivisions of States (in consultation with States).

A Bona Fide Agent is an agency/organization identified by the state as eligible to submit an application under the state eligibility in lieu of a state application. If applying as a bona fide agent of a state or local government, a letter from the state or local government as documentation of the status is required. Place this documentation behind the first page of the application form.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are not required for this program.

III.3. Other

A successful applicant must be an organization with a national scope of operations.

If a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the award range is requested, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet the submission requirements.

Special Requirements: If the application is incomplete or non-responsive to the special requirements listed in this section, it will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet submission requirements.

• Late applications will be considered non-responsive. See section "IV.3. Submission Dates and Times" for more information on deadlines.

• **Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code Section 1611 states that an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

• Assistance will be provided only to a nationally-recognized, independent and objective source of credible information on genetic technologies and genetic policies for health care

providers, genetics professionals, the public, media and policymakers.

IV. Application and Submission Information

IV.1. Address To Request Application Package

To apply for this funding opportunity use application form PHS 5161-1.

Electronic Submission

CDC strongly encourages the applicant to submit the application electronically by utilizing the forms and instructions posted for this announcement on <http://www.Grants.gov>, the official Federal agency wide E-grant Web site. Only applicants who apply on-line are permitted to forego paper copy submission of all application forms.

Paper Submission

Application forms and instructions are available on the CDC Web site, at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm>.

If access to the Internet is not available, or if there is difficulty accessing the forms on-line, contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) staff at: 770-488-2700 and the application forms can be mailed.

IV.2. Content and Form of Submission

Your LOI must be written in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: Two
- Font size: 12-point unreduced
- Single spaced
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches
- Page margin size: One inch
- Printed only on one side of the page
- Written in English, avoid jargon

Your LOI must contain the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Principal Investigator
- Number and title of this program announcement

• Names of other key personnel

• Designations of collaborating institutions and entities

• Recruitment approach

• Expected Outcomes

Application: A project narrative must be submitted with the application forms. The narrative must be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: 25. If your narrative exceeds the page limit, only the first pages which are within the page limit will be reviewed.
- Font size: 12 point unreduced
- Double-spaced

- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches
- Page margin size: One inch
- Printed only on one side of page
- Held together only by rubber bands or metal clips; not bound in any other way.

The narrative should address activities to be conducted over the entire project period, and must include the following items in the order listed:

- A demonstrated understanding of FMR-1 genetic testing and genetic counseling issues and the justification of the need for establishment cascade testing and genetic counseling protocols.
- A description of the goals and specific objectives of the project in time-framed, measurable terms.
- A detailed plan describing the approach to be taken in implementing the project and the methods by which the objectives will be achieved and evaluated, including their sequence. A comprehensive evaluation plan must be outlined.
- A description of the specific products to be developed and/or disseminated through the project.
- A description of the cooperative agreement's principal investigator's role and responsibilities.
- A description of all the project staff, regardless of their funding source. It should include their title, qualifications, experience, percentage of time each will devote to the project, as well as that portion of their salary to be paid by the cooperative agreement.
- A detailed budget for the cooperative agreement. (Budget justification is not included in narrative page limit).

Additional information may be included in the application appendices. The appendices will not be counted toward the narrative page limit. This additional information includes:

- Curricula Vitae
- Letters of Support

The agency or organization is required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com> or call 1-866-705-5711.

For more information, see the CDC Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grantmain.htm>. If the application form does not have a DUNS number field, please write the DUNS number at the top of the first page of the

application, and/or include the DUNS number in the application cover letter.

Additional requirements that may require submittal of additional documentation with the application are listed in section "VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements."

IV.3. Submission Dates and Times

LOI Deadline Date: July 28, 2005.

CDC requests that an applicant send an LOI if the applicant intends to apply for this program. Although the LOI is not required, not binding, and does not enter into the review of your subsequent application, it will be used to gauge the level of interest in this program, and to allow CDC to plan the application review.

Application Deadline Date: August 17, 2005.

Explanation of Deadlines:

Applications must be received in the CDC Procurement and Grants Office by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date.

Applications may be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications completed on-line through Grants.gov are considered formally submitted when the applicant organization's Authorizing Official electronically submits the application to <http://www.grants.gov>. Electronic applications will be considered as having met the deadline if the application has been submitted electronically by the applicant organization's Authorizing Official to Grants.gov on or before the deadline date and time.

If submittal of the application is done electronically through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>), the application will be electronically time/date stamped, which will serve as receipt of submission. Applicants will receive an e-mail notice of receipt when CDC receives the application.

If submittal of the application is by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery service, the applicant must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery by the closing date and time. If CDC receives the submission after the closing date due to: (1) Carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, the applicant will be given the opportunity to submit documentation of the carrier's guarantee. If the documentation verifies a carrier problem, CDC will consider the submission as having been received by the deadline.

If a hard copy application is submitted, CDC will not notify the

applicant upon receipt of the submission. If questions arise on the receipt of the application, the applicant should first contact the carrier. If the applicant still has questions, contact the PGO-TIM staff at (770) 488-2700. The applicant should wait two to three days after the submission deadline before calling. This will allow time for submissions to be processed and logged.

This announcement is the definitive guide on application content, submission address, and deadline. It supersedes information provided in the application instructions. If the submission does not meet the deadline above, it will not be eligible for review, and will be discarded. The applicant will be notified the application did not meet the submission requirements.

IV.4. Intergovernmental Review of Applications

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

IV.5. Funding Restrictions

Restrictions, which must be taken into account while writing your budget, are as follows:

- Funds may not be used for research.
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs is not allowed.

If requesting indirect costs in the budget, a copy of the indirect cost rate agreement is required. If the indirect cost rate is a provisional rate, the agreement should be less than 12 months of age.

Guidance for completing your budget can be found on the CDC Web site, at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/budgetguide.htm>.

IV.6. Other Submission Requirements

LOI Submission Address: Submit the LOI by express mail, delivery service, fax, or e-mail to: Michael Brown, Project Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Human Development and Disability, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop E-88, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: 404-498-3006. E-mail: MABrown@cdc.gov.

Application Submission Address: Electronic Submission: CDC strongly encourages applicants to submit applications electronically at <http://www.Grants.gov>. The application package can be downloaded from <http://www.Grants.gov>. Applicants are able to complete it off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site. E-mail submissions will not be accepted. If the applicant has technical difficulties in

Grants.gov, customer service can be reached by E-mail at <http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport> or by phone at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS). The Customer Support Center is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

CDC recommends that submittal of the application to Grants.gov should be early to resolve any unanticipated difficulties prior to the deadline. Applicants may also submit a back-up paper submission of the application. Any such paper submission must be received in accordance with the requirements for timely submission detailed in Section IV.3. of the grant announcement. The paper submission must be clearly marked: "BACK-UP FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION." The paper submission must conform to all requirements for non-electronic submissions. If both electronic and back-up paper submissions are received by the deadline, the electronic version will be considered the official submission.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant submit the grant application using Microsoft Office products (e.g., Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, etc.). If the applicant does not have access to Microsoft Office products, a PDF file may be submitted. Directions for creating PDF files can be found on the Grants.gov Web site. Use of file formats other than Microsoft Office or PDF may result in the file being unreadable by staff; or

Paper Submission

Applicant should submit the original and two hard copies of the application by mail or express delivery service to: Technical Information Management [RFA# AA097], CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

V. Application Review Information

V.1. Criteria

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the "Purpose" section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative, and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

The application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. *Applicant's Understanding of the Problem (25%).* The extent to which the

applicant demonstrates an understanding of the FMR-1 genetic testing and genetic counseling issues and the need to establish cascade testing and genetic counseling protocols.

2. *Goals and Objectives (25%).* The extent to which the project goals are clearly stated and the objectives are specific, measurable, and time-phased. Also, the extent to which a plan is presented for evaluating the objectives.

3. *Plan of Operation (25%).* The extent to which the applicant has provided a full and comprehensive description of the project they propose to undertake and a plan for how it will be accomplished. The applicant must also describe the methods by which the objectives will be achieved and evaluated.

4. *Capacity to Conduct Project Activities and Begin Project Operations in a Timely Fashion (25%).* The extent to which the applicant has provided information to support its ability to conduct the activities of the cooperative agreement, including documentation of previous relevant experience; documentation of institutional support for the project; demonstrated ability to identify qualified personnel to fill key positions and begin project activities in a timely fashion; and the ability to identify adequate office space for the project. The extent to which the organization demonstrates that it is a nationally-recognized, independent and objective source of credible information on genetic technologies and genetic policies for health care providers, genetics professionals, the public, media and policymakers.

5. *Budget Justification and Adequacy of Facilities (not scored).* The budget will be evaluated for the extent to which it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of the cooperative agreement funds. The applicant shall describe and indicate the availability of facilities and equipment necessary to carry out this project.

V.2. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for completeness by the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) staff, and for responsiveness by the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). Incomplete applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants will be notified that their application did not meet submission requirements.

An objective review panel will evaluate complete and responsive applications according to the criteria listed in the "V.1. Criteria" section

above. The objective review process will follow the policy requirements as stated in the GPD 2.04 [<http://198.102.218.46/doc/gpd204.doc>]. The objective review panel will consist of CDC employees outside of the funding division who will be randomly assigned applications to review and score. Applications will be funded in order by score and rank determined by a review panel. CDC will provide justification for any decision to fund out of rank order.

V.3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Anticipated Announcement date is August 31, 2005 for a September 30, 2005 project start date.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NoA) from the CDC Procurement and Grants Office. The NoA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and CDC. The NoA will be signed by an authorized Grants Management Officer, and mailed to the recipient fiscal officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review by mail.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Successful applicants must comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 CFR Part 74 and Part 92 as Appropriate. The following additional requirements apply to this project:

- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2010
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

Additional information on these requirements can be found on the CDC web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/ARs.htm>.

For more information on the Code of Federal Regulations, see the National Archives and Records Administration at the following Internet address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>

An additional Certifications form from the PHS5161-1 application needs to be included in the Grants.gov electronic submission only. Applicants should refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PHS5161-1-Certificates.pdf>. Once the applicant has filled out the form, it should be attached

to the Grants.gov submission as Other Attachments Form.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements

The applicant must provide CDC with an original, plus two hard copies of the following reports:

1. Interim progress report, due no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.

- b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.

- c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.

- d. Budget.

- e. Measures of Effectiveness.

- f. Additional Requested Information.

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

These reports must be mailed to the Grants Management or Contract Specialist listed in the "Agency Contacts" section of this announcement.

VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this announcement.

For general questions, contact:

Technical Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341. Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Michael Brown, Project Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Human Development and Disability, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop E-88, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: 404-498-3006. E-mail: MABrown@cdc.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Nealean Austin, Grants Management Officer, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341. Telephone: (770) 488-2722. E-mail: nea1@cdc.gov.

VIII. Other Information

This and other CDC funding opportunity announcements can be found on the CDC Web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

Dated: July 11, 2005.

Alan Kotch,

Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Health Statistics, Board of Scientific Counselors

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), National Center for Health Statistics.

Times and Dates: 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m., September 15, 2005; 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., September 16, 2005.

Place: NCHS Headquarters, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing advice and making recommendations to the Secretary; the Director, CDC; and Director, NCHS, regarding the scientific and technical program goals and objectives, strategies, and priorities of NCHS.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include welcome remarks by the Director, NCHS; introductions of members and key NCHS staff; scientific presentations and discussions; and an open session for comments from the public. Requests to make an oral presentation should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed below by close of business, August 26, 2005. All requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Written comments should not exceed five single-spaced typed pages in length and should be received by the contact person listed below by close of business, August 26, 2005.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

For Further Information Contact: Robert Weinzierl, Executive Secretary, NCHS, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 7108, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4565, fax (301) 458-4021.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: July 11, 2005.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Issuance of Final Policy Directive

AGENCY: Administration for Native Americans (ANA), HHS.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) herein issues final interpretive rules, general statement of policy, and rules of agency procedure or practice in relation to the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) project SMART NA Communities (Strengthening Marriages and Relationships in Tribal and Native American Communities). For FY 2005, ANA reserved an amount of funding under the SEDS program to fund projects that are beneficial to the development of healthy Native American communities. ANA has decided to participate in ACF's Healthy Marriage Initiative, and intends to use the reserved SEDS funds to support projects that improve child well-being by removing barriers associated with forming and retaining healthy families and marriages in Native American communities. Under the statute, ANA is required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules, statements of general policy, and rules of agency procedure or practice, and to give notice of the final adoption of such changes at least 30 days before the changes become effective. The notice also provides additional information about ANA's plan for administering the programs.

DATES: June 28, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Cooper, Director of Program Operations, at (877) 922-9262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (the Act), as amended, ANA is required to provide notice of its proposed interpretive rules, statements of policy and rules of agency organization, procedure or practice. The Administration for Native Americans published a Notice of Public Comment (NOPC) on May 27, 2005 (70 FR 30755), on proposed ANA policy and program