

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0010]

Cooperative Agreement to Support the World Trade Organization's Standards and Trade Development Facility**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing its intention to receive and consider a single source application for the award of a cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2014 (FY14) to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF).

DATES: Important dates are as follows:

1. The application due date is July 23, 2014.
2. The anticipated start date is September 2014.
3. The opening date is June 23, 2014.
4. The expiration date is July 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic applications to: <http://www.grants.gov>. For more information, see section III of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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For more information on this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) and to obtain detailed requirements, please refer to the full FOA located at <http://www.fda.gov/food/newsevents/default.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

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A. Background

The STDF is a unique global partnership established by the Food and Agriculture Organization, World Organization for Animal Health, World Bank, World Health Organization

(WHO) and the WTO. The STDF supports developing countries in building their capacity to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, guidelines, and recommendations as a means to improve their human, animal, and plant health status and ability to gain or maintain access to markets. In achieving its aims, the STDF acts as both a coordinating and a financing mechanism.

The STDF is a widely established knowledge platform for information exchange, sharing experiences, and the identification and dissemination of good practice on SPS-related technical cooperation. Since 2004, over 60 projects and 52 project preparation grants have assisted developing countries to overcome SPS constraints, and gain and maintain market access. Over 50 percent have benefited least developed and other low-income countries.

The STDF utilizes a key decision support tool, Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA), to help establish SPS priorities and ensure resources are used as efficiently as possible. The use of the MCDA tool is unique within the STDF and is a highly valued attribute; the MCDA tool facilitates an open and transparent discussion among public and private stakeholders about capacity building needs and resources. The STDF is committed to the Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness and to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

With an increasingly diverse and complex global food supply, FDA's interest is to strengthen food safety systems globally to prevent food safety problems rather than merely reacting to problems after they occur. FDA recognizes that it cannot do this alone. By leveraging with other WTO member countries and partnering with the STDF, FDA can broaden the reach of food safety capacity building efforts.

This cooperative agreement will allow FDA to deepen its international food safety capacity building partnerships, provide a wider scope of impact than exists currently, and leverage resources with other countries.

B. Research Objectives

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to:

- Contribute to the knowledge base and development of food safety systems globally due to the increasingly diverse and complex food supply;
- Enhance and broaden FDA's ability to address global food safety and public health issues associated with food;

- Provide opportunities to leverage additional resources among WTO member countries;
- Support FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (Pub. L. 111-353) and its International Food Safety Capacity Building Plan, which emphasizes the concept of preventing food safety related problems before they occur, and the importance of establishing strong relationships and mutual support among all stakeholders, including multilateral organizations, to improve worldwide food safety.

C. Eligibility Information

Competition is limited to the STDF hosted by the WTO. The STDF is a global partnership with a well-established, trusted presence and is uniquely qualified to further the global food safety capacity building objectives of this cooperative agreement. STDF's mandate is to: (1) Increase awareness, mobilize resources, strengthen collaboration, identify and disseminate good practice and (2) provide support and funding for the development and implementation of projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements.

An independent external evaluation of the STDF in 2008 concluded that the STDF "carries out an important role that no other single body would be able to accomplish." (Source: STDF Newsletter, Vol. 2, Issue 1, February 2009, accessible at: <http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

As such, the STDF is uniquely equipped to fulfill the objectives of this cooperative agreement due to its diverse access to WTO members in both developed and developing countries, and its ability to coordinate capacity building programs at a national and global level. Engaging the STDF through this cooperative agreement will provide FDA with ample opportunities to leverage additional resources among WTO member countries. Overall, the objectives of the STDF are directly in line with the objectives of this cooperative agreement. This ability to advance the objectives of this cooperative agreement through member country engagement and leveraging is a requisite for success.

II. Award Information/Funds Available**A. Award Amount**

The Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition intends to fund one award up to \$200,000 total costs (direct plus indirect costs) for FY 2014. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations and successful performance.

B. Length of Support

The award will provide 1 year of support and include future recommended support for four additional years, contingent upon satisfactory performance in the achievement of project and program reporting objectives during the preceding year and the availability of Federal fiscal year appropriations.

III. Electronic Application, Registration, and Submission

Only electronic applications will be accepted. To submit an electronic application in response to this FOA, applicants should first review the full announcement located at <http://www.fda.gov/food/newsevents/default.htm>. (FDA has verified the Web site addresses throughout this document, but FDA is not responsible for any subsequent changes to the Web sites after this document publishes in the **Federal Register**.) For all electronically submitted applications, the following steps are required.

- Step 1: Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) Number
- Step 2: Register With System for Award Management (SAM)
- Step 3: Obtain Username & Password
- Step 4: Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) Authorization
- Step 5: Track AOR Status
- Step 6: Register With Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Commons

Steps 1 through 5, in detail, can be found at http://www07.grants.gov/applicants/organization_registration.jsp. Step 6, in detail, can be found at https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/registration/registration_instructions.jsp. After you have followed these steps, submit electronic applications to: <http://www.grants.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, including the Information Collection Request Title, to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at paperwork@hrsa.gov or call (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information Collection Request Title: Rural Health Information Technology (HIT) Workforce Program Performance Measures.

OMB No.: 0915-xxxx—New.

Abstract: The purpose of the Rural HIT Workforce Program is to support formal rural health networks that focus on activities relating to the recruitment, education, training, and retention of HIT specialists. This program will also provide support to rural health networks that can leverage and enhance existing HIT training materials to develop formal training programs, which will provide instructional opportunities to current health care staff, local displaced workers, rural

residents, veterans, and other potential students. These formal training programs will result in the development of a cadre of HIT workers who can help rural hospitals and clinics implement and maintain systems such as electronic health records (EHR), telehealth, home monitoring, and mobile health technology; and meet EHR meaningful use standards.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: For this program, performance measures were drafted to provide data useful to the program and to enable HRSA to provide aggregate program data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62). These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to the Office of Rural Health Policy, including: (a) Service area; (b) demographics; (c) network; (d) sustainability; (e) access to education; (f) education and training; and (g) workforce recruitment and retention. Several measures will be used for this program. These measures will speak to the Office of Rural Health Policy's progress toward meeting the goals set.

Summary of Prior Comments and Agency Response: A 60-day **Federal Register** notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2014 (see, 79 FR 8197). There were no comments.

Likely Respondents: Rural Health Information Technology Workforce Program award recipients.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.