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[Program Announcement 04173]

Epidemiological Follow-Up of Thyroid Disease in Persons Exposed to Radioactive Fallout From Atomic Weapons Testing at the Nevada Test Site; 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) 2004 funds for a grant program to study the prevalence of thyroid disorders and cancers in adults, who, as children, were exposed to radioactive fallout from the nuclear device testing at the Nevada Test Site, 1944-1957. The study is designed to provide a third (Phase III) diagnostic examination of the thyroid gland (approximately 55 years post exposure). The Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance number for this program is 93.283.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. The University of Utah, under a previous five-year cooperative agreement and a one-year continuation, initiated data collection activities. They are prepared to initiate activities for Phase III of the Utah Thyroid Disease Study. To date the University of Utah has completed:

1. Developing training materials for the field team.
2. Hired the first of three field teams to perform medical exams.
3. Identified physicians need to perform biopsies of the thyroid gland.
4. Updated the exposure (dose) model algorithm.
5. Revised exposures estimated during Phase II.
6. Completed the identification of subjects needed for the mortality study.
7. Begun to locate and identify the study cohort.

It is in the best interest of the CDC to continue funding the University of Utah to completion of the Utah Thyroid Disease Study.

C. Funding

Approximately \$500,000 is available in FY 2004 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before September 1, 2004, and will be made for a 12-month budget period and 12-month project period. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where to Obtain Additional Information

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[Program Announcement 04181]

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Improving Access to Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care for Mother, Family Members, and Other Patients in the Republic of Namibia; 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) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program to support the infrastructure in Namibia to increase their capacity to prevent HIV transmission from mother-to-child and to improve access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support programs in the public sector. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.941.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) of Namibia for support of the PMTCT and HIV/AIDS care services. No other applications are solicited. In Namibia this program will be implemented under the name "Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and improving access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care for mothers, family members, and other patients in the Republic of Namibia". The MoHSS is the only appropriate and qualified organization to fulfill the requirements set forth in this announcement because:

The MoHSS is uniquely positioned, in terms of support from the Government of Republic of Namibia (GRN). The MoHSS has the ability to financially and technically oversee the project, and to provide implementation of a large-scale interpersonal communication project as well as a mandate from the GRN.

The GRN has mandated the MoHSS to implement nationwide coverage of PMTCT and HIV/AIDS care programs. The vast majority of such patients are under the care of the MoHSS. For example, 84% of the deliveries to HIV-positive women take place in government hospitals compared with 16% in mission hospitals. The MoHSS has the ability to collect information, train staff and advocate for the programs implemented in the National AIDS Strategic Plan and disseminate personalized communication to support