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Lauren Richie,

Office of Policy, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Renewal of Cooperative Agreement With the Pan American Health Organization

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to provide a Single Source Three Year Cooperative Agreement to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The Cooperative Agreement will continue to improve operational capabilities to provide timely, coordinated, and quality medical response to disasters in the Americas region by supporting the WHO Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Initiative. The collaboration between ASPR and PAHO will focus on supporting PAHO's strategy to develop and train national emergency medical teams with a set of global standards in each country in the region to ensure they can respond to emergencies within their own borders. PAHO's regional strategy for the EMT Initiative concentrates on building emergency medical teams domestically, for each country in the region, to ensure they can respond to emergencies within their own borders first, thereby reducing dependence on U.S. medical assets/

capabilities. The total proposed cost of the Single Source Cooperative Agreement is not to exceed \$1 million over the three-year life of the Cooperative Agreement.

DATES:

Project Period: The period of performance is from September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2022.

Award Amount: Estimate \$1 million.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), International Policy Branch is the program office for this Cooperative Agreement.

Single Source Justification: Founded in 1902, PAHO, based in Washington DC, is an international public health agency working to improve the health and living standards of the people of the Americas Region. It is part of the United Nations system, serving as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO). PAHO is uniquely placed to enhance the medical response capabilities of countries in the Americas Region. The partnership between ASPR and PAHO gives ASPR the ability to shape critical outcomes of the EMT Initiative regionally, and helps inform a timely HHS decision about whether and how to participate in the next generation of international response systems. Although no USG emergency medical response team is part of the EMT, multiple U.S. based non-governmental organizations have been certified or are in the process of certification. It is critical that HHS/ASPR maintains visibility on U.S. based EMTs for both situational awareness and coordination purposes during emergency responses abroad or domestically. Furthermore, increasing the regional disaster response capacities may help alleviate the burden on U.S. resources and assets every time our country is called to provide assistance in the region. Importantly, since there are no self-sufficient USG medical teams ready to deploy internationally and registered in PAHO's roster of EMTs, making sure countries have their own teams may significantly decrease requests for assistance from the USG and the potential for burden to U.S. assets.

The three-year scope of work of the renewed cooperative agreement will build upon the successes of past activities, including the following overarching objectives:

- Development of SOPs and plans for emergency and disaster response of pre-hospital emergency services and EMTs, and the development of tools/guidelines for the optimization of the delivery of clinical care during emergencies.

- Provision of technical support to develop national mechanisms for the registration and mapping of local emergency medical teams for domestic response; mentoring for the creation and operation of EMTs; technical support to national EMTs to ensure self-sufficiency and provision of timely and quality clinical care.

- Development and strengthening of nationally-led health emergency coordination mechanisms (Health EOCs) and technical support to countries to establish or strengthen their health EOCs.

- Integration of national coordination mechanisms (CICOM) including guidelines and operational support for the creation, management and implementation of national CICOM.

- Strengthening of regional health emergency surge capacity including capacity building of national experts in critical areas of emergency coordination, health services, surveillance, logistics, damage and needs assessment, risk communication, etc.

Please submit an inquiry via the ASPR Program Contact: Michael Guterbock, MPH, *Michael.Guterbock@hhs.gov*, (202) 701-5631.

Authority: Section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Dated: February 25, 2019.

Robert P. Kadlec,

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Renewal of Cooperative Agreement With the Institut Pasteur International Network

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), in the Department of Health and Human Services intends to provide a Single Source Five Year Cooperative Agreement to *Institut Pasteur International Network* (IPIN) through the Pasteur Foundation. The Cooperative Agreement will support

continue to guide and support public health capacities to prepare for, detect, and respond to potential public health emergencies caused by human influenza viruses, zoonotic diseases, and other emerging infectious diseases with pandemic potential in West and Central Africa, and Southeast Asia to support the health security of the United States. The total proposed cost of the Single Source Cooperative Agreement is not to exceed \$5 million over the five-year life of the Cooperative Agreement.

DATES:

Project Period: The period of performance is from September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2024.

Award Amount: Estimate \$5 million.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Robin Moudy—*Robin.Moudy@hhs.gov*, 202-260-2105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), International Policy Branch is the program office for this Cooperative Agreement:

Single Source Justification: Founded in 1887, *Institut Pasteur*, based in Paris, has an international research network with 33 institutes globally committed to advancing science, medicine and public health, with especially unmatched reach in the Francophone world. This partnership between ASPR and IPIN gives ASPR access to information and the ability to build international partner capacity to prepare for, detect, and respond to potential public health emergencies caused by human influenza viruses, zoonotic diseases, and other emerging infectious diseases with pandemic potential in West and Central Africa, and Southeast Asia that could have an severe impact on the health security of the United States and its citizens.

The focus will be on countries in West and Central Africa, Madagascar, and Southeast Asia (Cambodia) where IPIN is the primary laboratory partner of the host government, although supported partnerships may extend beyond those countries and regions. Prior to each annual award, affiliated laboratories will submit their proposed scope of work, which may be adjusted over the course of the year based on changing needs and priorities or other exigent circumstances, such as a critical outbreak response.

The five-year scope of work of the renewed cooperative agreement will build upon the successes of past activities, including the following overarching objectives:

- Facilitate public health emergency planning, rapid epidemiologic responses, public health event assessment pursuant to the IHR, international data or event reporting as determined by the host government, and assist with emergency management where needed;
 - Ensure One Health coordination with the WHO, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), national human, animal, and environmental health agencies, and others as needed to address zoonotic disease threats.
 - System in place for medical countermeasures distribution during a public health emergency and integrating vaccine coverage as part of national program;
 - Interoperable, interconnected, electronic real-time reporting system with emergency operation centers, and risk communication processes in place;
 - Improve the quality and scale of public health surveillance, national epidemiologic data, and infectious diseases diagnostics;
 - Develop, produce, acquire, and/or deploy novel infectious disease surveillance assays and clinical diagnostic tests during an outbreak;
 - Strengthen laboratory biosafety and biosecurity systems, including the ability to scale-up in response to an epidemic caused by a highly dangerous pathogen;
 - Real-time reporting system, and risk communication processes in place.
- Please submit an inquiry via the ASPR Program Contact: Dr. Robin Moudy, *Robin.Moudy@hhs.gov*, 202-260-2105.

Authority: Sections 301 and 307 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241, 242l).

Dated: February 25, 2019.

Robert P. Kadlec,

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections

552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-DK-18-002: Understanding Skeletal Effects of Type 1 Diabetes (R01).

Date: March 15, 2019.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ann A. Jerkins, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7119, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, 301-594-2242, *jerkinsa@niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Urological Clinical Small Business Applications.

Date: March 22, 2019.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ryan G. Morris, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7015, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-2542, 301-594-4721, *ryan.morris@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIDDK-RC2 Application Review.

Date: April 2, 2019.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Xiaodu Guo, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7023, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-4719, *guox@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)