

Authority

This program is authorized under Sections 301 and 307 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 241 and 242l, as amended.

Smoke-Free Workplace

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Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to WHO for this project. No other applications are solicited. The program announcement and application kit have been sent to WHO.

WHO is the only international/intergovernmental agency qualified to conduct the activities under this cooperative agreement because it has:

A. A unique position among the world's health agencies as the technical agency for health within the United Nations.

B. Access to all national health promotion and disease prevention programs and potential research sites through its six regional offices located in Washington, DC; Copenhagen, Denmark; Alexandria, Egypt; Brazzaville, Congo; Delhi, India; and Manila, Philippines.

C. In collaboration with other international organizations, WHO works to accomplish its mission by disseminating information related to infectious disease program needs and services, recommends and advocates improved policies and programs, and provides consultation and guidance at the international, national, and local level.

D. WHO offers special opportunities for furthering research programs through the use of unusual talent resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries that are not readily available in the United States or that provide augmentation of existing U.S. resources.

E. WHO is uniquely qualified to conduct activities that have specific relevance to the mission and objectives of CDC and the potential to advance knowledge that would benefit the United States.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to assist WHO in implementing a coordinated plan to assist national

governments and regional authorities to improve infectious disease surveillance, build public health infrastructure, promote applied research activities, and develop improved infectious disease prevention and control strategies. These efforts will lead to a better understanding of baseline infectious disease incidence and prevalence, so that "unusual" disease occurrences will be more readily recognized and accurately addressed. As infectious diseases do not respect international boundaries, outbreaks virtually anywhere may threaten the health of the United States, and the improved surveillance activities will offer national, international, and global early warning of new and unusual diseases so that effective interventions can be promptly instituted.

Program Requirements

In carrying out the activities under this program, WHO will be responsible for the activities under A., below, and CDC will be responsible for the activities under B., below:

A. Recipient Activities

1. Identify geographic areas, on a global basis, for implementation and evaluation of infectious disease surveillance activities.
2. Develop and evaluate strategies to enhance national, regional, and global infectious disease surveillance.
3. Analyze national resources devoted to infectious disease diagnosis to identify critical shortfalls in human, technical, and equipment resources, then develop and implement plans to resolve recognized deficiencies.
4. Conduct a program of applied research focusing on recognition and response to emerging infectious diseases.
5. Build international networks of collaborating laboratories for the rapid acquisition and exchange of surveillance and monitoring information.
6. Coordinate activities with other relevant agencies, organizations, and individuals to facilitate development, implementation, and evaluation of infectious disease prevention and control programs.
7. Monitor and evaluate program performance.

B. CDC Activities

1. Collaborate in the design of research protocols.
2. Assist in the analysis and interpretation of data generated from each project.

3. As needed, provide other programmatic consultation and guidance in support of the program.

4. Provide continuing updates on scientific and operational developments in emerging infectious diseases.

5. Participate in the development of plans for the sharing and dissemination of program and research data and information.

6. Assist in defining the scope, the development, and dissemination of plans for emerging infectious disease prevention, research, and control.

Evaluation Criteria

The application will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

A. Needs Statement: The extent to which the applicant identifies specific needs related to the purposes of the program. (20 Points)

B. Objectives: The degree to which short-term and long-term objectives are specific, time-phased, measurable, and realistic. (20 Points)

C. Operational Plan: The adequacy of the applicant's plan to carry out the proposed activities. (20 Points)

D. Evaluation Plan: The extent to which the evaluation plan appears capable of monitoring progress toward meeting project objectives. (20 Points)

E. Program Management: The extent to which proposed staff are necessary, appropriate, and qualified to perform the proposed activities. (20 Points)

F. Budget: The extent to which the budget is reasonable and consistent with the purpose and objectives of the program. (Not Weighted)

Executive Order 12372 Review

This application is not subject to review under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 93.283.

Other Requirements**Paperwork Reduction Act**

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget