

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington DC 20554.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 05-17705 Filed 9-6-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6712-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-212]

Public Health Assessments Completed

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces those sites for which ATSDR has completed public health assessments during the period from April through June 2005. This list includes sites that are on or proposed for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) and includes sites for which assessments were prepared in response to requests from the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Cibulas, Jr., Ph.D., Director, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Mailstop E-32, Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone (404) 498-0007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The most recent list of completed public health assessments was published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2005 [70 FR 37409]. This announcement is the responsibility of ATSDR under the regulation "Public Health Assessments and Health Effects Studies of Hazardous Substances Releases and Facilities" [42 CFR part 90]. This rule sets forth ATSDR's procedures for the conduct of public health assessments under section

104(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604 (i)].

Availability

The completed public health assessments are available for public inspection at the Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1825 Century Center Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia (not a mailing address), between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except legal holidays. The completed public health assessments are also available by mail through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or by telephone at (800) 553-6847. NTIS charges for copies of public health assessments. The NTIS order numbers are listed in parentheses following the site name.

Public Health Assessments Completed or Issued

Between April 1, 2005, and June 30, 2005, public health assessments were issued for the sites listed below:

NPL and Proposed NPL Sites

Colorado

Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site—(PB2005-106307)

Maine

Naval Air Station Brunswick—(PB2005-106879)

Nebraska

Omaha Lead—(PB2005-106280)

New Jersey

Standard Chlorine Chemical Company, Incorporated—(PB2005-106282)

Ohio

Armco Incorporated—Hamilton Plant—(PB2005-107525)

Pennsylvania

Franklin Slag Pile (MDC) Site—(PB2005-106326)

Texas

Jones Road Groundwater Plume—(PB2005-106305)

Utah

Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters (PB2005-106277)

Eureka Mills—(PB2005-106279)

Non-NPL Petitioned Sites

Louisiana

Pab Oil and Chemical Services, Incorporated—(PB2005-106281)

Mississippi

Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport—(PB2005-106306)

New York

Village Liberty Water Supply System—Elm Street Well—(PB2005-106308)

Dated: August 30, 2005.

Kenneth Rose,

Acting Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

[FR Doc. 05-17664 Filed 9-6-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4163-70-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Increasing Access to HIV Confidential Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) and Enhancing HIV/AIDS Communications, Prevention, and Care in the Republics of Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland

Announcement Type: New.
Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-AA239.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.067.

Key Dates:
Application Deadline: September 29, 2005.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under Sections 301(a) and 307 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. Sections 241 and 242], as amended, and under Public Law 108-25 (United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [U.S.C. 7601].

Background

President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence-based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. The initiative aims to treat more than two million HIV-infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy by 2008; care for ten million HIV-infected and affected persons, including those orphaned by HIV/AIDS, by 2008; and prevent seven million infections by 2010, with a focus on 15 priority countries, including 12 in sub-Saharan Africa. The five-year strategy for the Emergency Plan is

available at the following Internet address: <http://www.state.gov/s/gac/rl/or/c11652.htm>.

Over the same time period, as part of a collective national response, the Emergency Plan goals specific to South Africa are to treat at least 500,000 HIV-infected individuals and care for 2,500,000 HIV-affected individuals, including orphans.

Purpose

The United States Government seeks to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in specific countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Americas by working with governments and other key partners to assess the needs of each country and design a customized program of assistance that fits within the host nation's strategic plan. Under the leadership of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, as part of the President's Emergency Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) works with host countries and other key partners to assess the needs of each country and design a customized program of assistance that fits within the host nation's strategic plan.

The purpose of this funding announcement is to progressively build an indigenous, sustainable response to the national HIV epidemics in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland through the rapid expansion of innovative, culturally appropriate, high-quality HIV/AIDS prevention and care interventions.

Specifically, the successful awardees of this announcement will expand and enhance the use of high quality confidential HIV VCT services (including social marketing for promoting awareness and importance of testing) in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland, including rural areas. These services include referral of those testing positive to sources of ongoing psychosocial support and basic preventive and palliative care. Use of counseling and testing (CT) services is intended to lead to safer sexual behaviors, including abstinence, fidelity, and, for populations engaged in high-risk behaviors,¹ correct and consistent condom use, and increased use of care and support

¹ Behaviors that increase risk for HIV transmission include engaging in casual sexual encounters, engaging in sex in exchange for money or favors, having sex with an HIV-positive partner or one whose status is unknown, using drugs or abusing alcohol in the context of sexual interactions, and using intravenous drugs. Women, even if faithful themselves, can still be at risk of becoming infected by their spouse, regular male partner, or someone using force against them. Other high-risk persons or groups include men who have sex with men and workers who are employed away from home.

through a strong referral network to complementary care. A secondary purpose of this program is to enhance culturally and age-appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention communications activities. Awardees may not implement condom social marketing campaigns without also implementing abstinence and faithfulness behavior-change interventions. The provision of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) is not part of this program, although patients who qualify for ART under medical criteria may receive referrals to treatment sites as they become available.

Monitoring and evaluation of all programs and services will be essential in measuring success of these activities. All of the program activities conducted in this cooperative agreement are part of the Emergency Plan.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the performance goals of the President's Emergency Plan and with the following performance goal for the CDC National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention within HHS: By 2010, work with other countries, international organizations, the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and other partners to achieve the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS goal of reducing prevalence among young people 15 to 24 years of age. Specific measurable outcomes of this program include, but are not be limited to, the number, age and sex of clients (individual and couples) provided with confidential HIV CT, unrecognized HIV infections discovered, the cost per client service and per unrecognized infection, and the number of persons with HIV successfully referred to an effective care or treatment provider.

This announcement is only for non-research activities supported by HHS, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If an applicant proposes research activities, HHS will not review the application. For the definition of research, please see the HHS/CDC Web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ads/opspoll1.htm>.

Activities

Based on its competitive advantage and proven field experience, the successful applicant will undertake a broad range of activities to meet the numerical Emergency Plan targets outlined in this Program Announcement. For each of these activities, the grantee will give priority to evidence-based, yet culturally adapted, innovative approaches.

The grantee will either implement activities directly or through its subgrantees and/or subcontractors; the grantee will retain overall financial and programmatic management under the oversight of HHS/CDC and the strategic direction of the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. The grantee must show a measurable progressive reinforcement of the capacity of indigenous organizations and local communities to respond to the national HIV epidemic, as well as progress towards the sustainability of activities.

Applicants should describe activities in detail as part of a four-year action plan (U.S. Government Fiscal Years 2005–2008 inclusive) that reflects the policies and goals outlined in the five-year strategy for the President's Emergency Plan.

The grantee will produce an annual operational plan in the context of this five-year plan, which the U.S. Government Emergency Plan teams on the ground in South Africa, Swaziland and Lesotho will review, respectively, as part of the annual Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. The grantee may work on some of the activities listed below in the first year and in subsequent years, and then progressively add others from the list to achieve all of the Emergency Plan performance goals, as cited in the previous section. HHS/CDC, under the guidance of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, will approve funds for activities on an annual basis, based on documented performance toward achieving Emergency Plan goals, as part of the annual Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process.

Awardee activities for this program are as follows:

1. Establishing and running programs to make confidential HIV CT a routine part of medical care, linked together within countries as a network sharing standardized CT protocols and procedures, standardized management systems, standardized monitoring and evaluation procedures and instruments, and standardized marketing and education materials and activities.
2. Operating mobile HIV confidential CT activities to reach rural populations and/or employees at their workplaces.
3. Developing and implementing comprehensive, culturally appropriate social marketing campaigns in local languages to create informed demand for confidential HIV CT services and reduce stigma surrounding seeking CT.
4. Developing and implementing comprehensive, culturally and age-

appropriate social marketing campaigns to promote abstinence and faithfulness that reflect and respect local cultural and religious mores.

5. Developing and implementing programs in local languages to promote healthy behavior change among populations engaged in high-risk behaviors and at high-risk sites (e.g., bars, bottle shops).

6. Promoting culturally appropriate messages in local languages that raise awareness about the harmful ties between alcohol/substance abuse and HIV infection and poor adherence to antiretrovirals (ARVs).

7. Creating referral networks for confidential HIV CT clients to improve access to care and support.

8. Collecting strategic information to ensure the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

9. Providing support, as appropriate, to the national Departments of Health (DOH), Ministries of Health (MOH) and other agencies of the national government, which could include, without limitation: improvement of monitoring and evaluation activities to assure high-quality service delivery in all confidential HIV CT sites; development of culturally and age-appropriate communications materials in local languages; development and/or implementation of training curricula; and improvement of laboratory infrastructure.

10. Training faith-based leaders to encourage testing and partnering with CT providers to enable testing at places of worship.

11. Ensuring that all of the above activities are undertaken in a manner consistent with and in support of the five-year U.S. Government HIV/AIDS strategy for the Emergency Plan and the National Ministry of Health strategies. Work to link activities described here with related HIV care and other social services in the area, and promote coordination at all levels, including through bodies such as village, district, regional and national HIV coordination committees and networks of community-based, non-governmental and faith-based organizations.

12. Participate in relevant national technical coordination committees and in national process(es) to define, implement and monitor simplified small grants program(s) for faith- and community-based organizations, to ensure local stakeholders receive adequate information and assistance to engage and access effectively funding opportunities supported by the President's Emergency Plan and other donors.

13. Progressively reinforce the capacity of faith- and community-based organizations and village and district AIDS committees to promote quality, local ownership, accountability and sustainability of activities.

14. Develop and implement a project-specific participatory monitoring and evaluation plan by drawing on National Ministry of Health and U.S. Government requirements and tools, including the strategic information guidance provided by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

Administration

Comply with all HHS management requirements for meeting participation and progress and financial reporting for this cooperative agreement. (See HHS Activities and Reporting sections below for details.) Comply with all policy directives established by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

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

1. Support training of VCT counselors, development of tools for monitoring and evaluation of confidential counseling and testing programs, quality assurance, and competitive and transparent procurement of HIV rapid tests.

2. Expand age-appropriate supportive counseling, psychosocial support, and preventive counseling for children, adolescents and people with special needs. Interventions should emphasize abstinence for youth and other unmarried persons, mutual faithfulness and partner reduction for sexually active adults, and correct and consistent use of condoms by those whose behavior places them at risk for transmitting or becoming infected with HIV.²

3. Facilitate the exchange of materials and expertise with regard to confidential counseling and testing services for populations engaged in high-risk behaviors.

4. Strengthen confidential counseling and testing programs.

5. Organize an orientation meeting with the grantee to brief them on

² Behaviors that increase risk for HIV transmission include engaging in casual sexual encounters, engaging in sex in exchange for money or favors, having sex with an HIV-positive partner or one whose status is unknown, using drugs or abusing alcohol in the context of sexual interactions, and using intravenous drugs. Women, even if faithful themselves, can still be at risk of becoming infected by their spouse, regular male partner, or someone using force against them. Other high-risk persons or groups include men who have sex with men and workers who are employed away from home.

applicable U.S. Government, HHS, and Emergency Plan expectations, regulations and key management requirements, as well as report formats and contents. The orientation could include meetings with staff from HHS agencies and the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

6. Review and approve the process used by the grantee to select key personnel and/or post-award subcontractors and/or subgrantees to be involved in the activities performed under this agreement, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

7. Review and approve grantee's annual work plan and detailed budget, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

8. Meet on a monthly basis with grantee to assess monthly expenditures in relation to approved work plan and modify plans as necessary.

9. Meet on a quarterly basis with grantee to assess quarterly technical and financial progress reports and modify plans as necessary.

10. Meet on an annual basis with grantee to review annual progress report for each U.S. Government Fiscal Year, and to review annual work plans and budgets for subsequent year, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief review and approval process for Country Operational Plans, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

Please note: Either HHS staff or staff from organizations that have successfully competed for funding under a separate HHS contract, cooperative agreement or grant will provide technical assistance and training.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goals for the President's Emergency Plan:

A. Prevention

Number of individuals trained to provide HIV prevention interventions, including abstinence, faithfulness, *and, for populations engaged in high-risk behaviors*³, correct and consistent condom use.

³ Behaviors that increase risk for HIV transmission include engaging in casual sexual encounters, engaging in sex in exchange for money or favors, having sex with an HIV-positive partner or one whose status is unknown, using drugs or abusing alcohol in the context of sexual

1. Abstinence (A) and Be Faithful (B).
 - Number of community outreach and/or mass media (radio) programs that are A/B focused.
 - Number of individuals reached through community outreach and/or mass media (radio) programs that are A/B focused.

B. Care and Support

1. Confidential counseling and testing.
 - Number of patients who accept confidential counseling and testing in a health-care setting.
 - Number of clients served, direct.
 - Number of people trained in confidential counseling and testing, direct, including health-care workers.
2. Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).
 - Number of service outlets/programs, direct and/or indirect.
 - Number of clients (OVC) served, direct and/or indirect.
 - Number of persons trained to serve OVC, direct.
3. Palliative Care: Basic Health Care and Support.
 - Number of service outlets/programs that provide palliative care, direct and/or indirect.
 - Number of service outlets/programs that link HIV care with malaria and tuberculosis care and/or referral, direct and/or indirect.
 - Number of clients served with palliative care, direct and/or indirect.
 - Number of persons trained in providing palliative care, direct.

C. HIV Treatment With ART

- Number of clients enrolled in ART, direct and indirect.
- Number of persons trained in providing ART, direct.

D. Strategic Information

- Number of persons trained in strategic information, direct.

E. Expanded Indigenous Sustainable Response

- Project-specific quantifiable milestones to measure:
 - a. Indigenous capacity-building.
 - b. Progress toward sustainability.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement.

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

interactions, and using intravenous drugs. Women, even if faithful themselves, can still be at risk of becoming infected by their spouse, regular male partner, or someone using force against them. Other high-risk persons or groups include men who have sex with men and workers who are employed away from home.

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2005.

Approximate Total Funding: \$2–6.0 million per year, over five years; or \$30 million. (This amount is an estimate, and is subject to availability of funds.)

Approximate Number of Awards:

One.

Approximate Average Award: \$1–2 million for South Africa and \$1–2 million for Swaziland and Lesotho. (This amount is for the first 12-month budget period, and includes both direct and indirect costs.)

Floor of Award Range: \$1 million.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$6.5 million. (This ceiling is for the first 12-month budget period.)

Anticipated Award Date: October 15, 2005.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: Five years.

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 input from recipient government agencies), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government, through the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief review and approval process for Country Operational Plans, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by:

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

Applicants must meet the criteria listed below:

- Have at least three years of documented HIV/AIDS related program implementation experience in any of the following countries: Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland.

- Have demonstrated expertise in the areas of direct HIV CT service delivery, AIDS prevention communications, and social marketing in any of the following countries: Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland.

- Be locally incorporated in any of the following countries: Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland.

- U.S. Embassy collaboration in Swaziland and Lesotho will also be necessary.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching Funds

Matching funds are not required for this program. Although matching funds are not required, preference will go to organizations that can leverage additional funds to contribute to program goals.

III.3. Other

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

Special Requirements:

If your application is incomplete or non-responsive to the special requirements listed in this section, it will not enter into the review process. We will notify you that your application did not meet submission requirements.

- HHS/CDC will consider late applications to be 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.

IV. Application and Submission Information

IV.1. Address to Request Application Package

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

HHS strongly encourages you to submit your application electronically by using the forms and instructions posted for this announcement at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Application forms and instructions are available on the HHS/CDC Web site,

at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm>.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have difficulty accessing the forms on-line, you may contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) staff at: 770-488-2700. We can e-mail application forms to you.

IV.2. Content and Form of Submission

Application: You must submit a project narrative with your application forms. You must submit the narrative in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: 25—If your narrative exceeds the page limit, we will only review the first pages within the page limit.
- Font size: 12 point un-reduced.
- Double-spaced.
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches.
- Page margin size: One inch.
- Pages should be numbered.
- Printed only on one side of page.
- Appendices may be included.
- Held together only by rubber bands or metal clips; not bound in any other way.

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

- Project Context and Background (Understanding and Need).
- Project Strategy—Description and Methodologies.
- Project Goals.
- Project Outputs.
- Project Contribution to the Goals and Objectives of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.
- Work Plan and Description of Project Components and Activities.
- Performance Measures.
- Timeline (e.g., Gantt Chart).
- Management of Project Funds and Reporting.

You may include additional information in the application appendices. The appendices will not count toward the narrative page limit. This additional information includes the following:

- Project Budget and Justification.
- Project Budget Notes.
- Job Descriptions.
- Testing Protocols.
- Overview of HIV Counseling and Testing Quality Assurance Procedures, both Internal and External.
- HIV Counseling and Testing Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Evaluation and Strategic Information Forms.
- HIV Counseling and Testing Referral Procedures and Forms.
- Mobile HIV Counseling and Testing Processes and Procedures.

- HIV Counseling and Testing Staff Training Curricula.
- Applicant's Corporate Capability Statement.
- Letter of Support.

The budget justification will not count in the narrative page limit.

Although the narrative addresses activities for the entire project, the applicant should provide a detailed budget only for the first year of activities, while addressing budgetary plans for subsequent years.

You must 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 HHS/CDC Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/pubcommnt.htm>.

If your application form does not have a DUNS number field, please write your DUNS number at the top of the first page of your application, and/or include your DUNS number in your application cover letter.

Additional requirements that could require you to submit additional documentation with your application are listed in section "VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements."

IV.3. Submission Dates and Times

Application Deadline Date: September 29, 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.

You may submit your application electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>. We consider applications completed online through Grants.gov as formally submitted when the applicant organization's Authorizing Official electronically submits the application to <http://www.grants.gov>. We will consider electronic applications as having met the deadline if the applicant organization's Authorizing Official has submitted the application electronically to Grants.gov on or before the deadline date and time.

If you submit your application electronically with Grants.gov, your application will be electronically time/date stamped, which will serve as receipt of submission. You will receive

an e-mail notice of receipt when HHS/CDC receives the application.

If you submit your application by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery service, you must ensure the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery by the closing date and time. If HHS/CDC receives your submission after closing because of: (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, you will have the opportunity to submit documentation of the carriers guarantee. If the documentation verifies a carrier problem, HHS/CDC will consider the submission as received by the deadline.

If you submit a hard copy application, HHS/CDC will not notify you upon receipt of your submission. If you have a question about the receipt of your application, first contact your courier. If you still have a question, contact the PGO-TIM staff at: 770-488-2700. Before calling, please wait two to three days after the submission deadline. This will allow time for us to process and log submissions.

This announcement is the definitive guide on application content, submission address, and deadline. It supersedes information provided in the application instructions. If your submission does not meet the deadline above, it will not be eligible for review, and we will discard it. We will notify you that you 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 you must take into account while writing your budget, are as follows:

- Funds may not be used for research.
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs is not allowed.
- Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services. Equipment may be purchased if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives; however, prior approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.
- All requests for funds contained in the budget shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through the issuance of supplemental awards.
- The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic

organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the U.S. or to international organizations, regardless of their location.

- The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities (including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required) relating to the management of sub-grants to local organizations and improving their capacity.

- You must obtain an annual audit of these HHS/CDC funds (program-specific audit) by a U.S. based audit firm with international branches and current licensure/authority in-country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standards(s) approved in writing by HHS/CDC.

- A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required, prior to or post award, to review the applicant's business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

- Needle Exchange—No funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

Prostitution and Related Activities

The U.S. Government is opposed to prostitution and related activities, which are inherently harmful and dehumanizing, and contribute to the phenomenon of trafficking in persons.

Any entity that receives, directly or indirectly, U.S. Government funds in connection with this document ("recipient") cannot use such U.S. Government funds to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides. A recipient that is otherwise eligible to receive funds in connection with this document to prevent, treat, or monitor HIV/AIDS shall not be required to

endorse or utilize a multisectoral approach to combating HIV/AIDS, or to endorse, utilize, or participate in a prevention method or treatment program to which the recipient has a religious or moral objection. Any information provided by recipients about the use of condoms as part of projects or activities that are funded in connection with this document shall be medically accurate and shall include the public health benefits and failure rates of such use.

In addition, any recipient must have a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any "exempt organizations" (defined as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Health Organization and its six Regional Offices, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative or to any United Nations agency).

The following definition applies for purposes of this clause:

- Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. 22 U.S.C. 7102(9).

All recipients must insert provisions implementing the applicable parts of this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," in all subagreements under this award. These provisions must be express terms and conditions of the subagreement, must acknowledge that compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," is a prerequisite to receipt and expenditure of U.S. government funds in connection with this document, and must acknowledge that any violation of the provisions shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement prior to the end of its term. Recipients must agree that HHS may, at any reasonable time, inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the recipient in the usual course of its operations that relate to the organization's compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities."

All prime recipients that receive U.S. Government funds ("prime recipients") in connection with this document must certify compliance prior to actual receipt of such funds in a written statement that makes reference to this document (e.g., "[Prime recipient's name] certifies compliance with the section, 'Prostitution and Related Activities.'") addressed to the agency's grants officer. Such certifications by prime recipients are prerequisites to the payment of any U.S. Government funds in connection with this document.

Recipients' compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," is an express term and condition of receiving U.S. Government funds in connection with this document, and any violation of it shall be grounds for unilateral termination by HHS of the agreement with HHS in connection with this document prior to the end of its term. The recipient shall refund to HHS the entire amount furnished in connection with this document in the event HHS determines the recipient has not complied with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities."

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

IV.6. Other Submission Requirements

Application Submission Address:

HHS/CDC strongly encourages you to submit electronically at: <http://www.grants.gov>. You will be able to download a copy of the application package from <http://www.grants.gov>, complete it offline, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. We will not accept e-mail submissions. If you are having technical difficulties in Grants.gov, you may reach customer support by e-mail at support@grants.gov, 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.

HHS/CDC recommends that you submit your application to Grants.gov early enough to resolve any unanticipated difficulties prior to the deadline. You may also submit a back-up paper submission of your application. We must receive any such paper submission in accordance with the requirements for timely submission detailed in Section IV.3. of the grant announcement.

You must clearly mark the paper submission: "BACK-UP FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION."

The paper submission must conform to all requirements for non-electronic submissions. If we receive both electronic and back-up paper submissions by the deadline, we will consider the electronic version the official submission.

We strongly recommended that you submit your grant application by using Microsoft Office products (e.g., Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, etc.). If you do not have access to Microsoft Office products, you may submit a PDF file. You may find directions for

creating PDF files on the Grants.gov web site. Use of files other than Microsoft Office or PDF could make your file unreadable for our staff.

OR

Submit the original and two hard copies of your application by mail or express delivery service to the following address:

Technical Information Management—AA239, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

V. Application Review Information

V.1. Criteria

Applicants must 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. Applicants must submit these measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and they will be an element of evaluation.

We will evaluate your application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Ability to Carry Out the Proposal (25 points).

Does the applicant demonstrate the local experience and capability to achieve the goals of the project? Do the staff members have appropriate experience? Are the staff roles clearly defined? Does the applicant currently have the capacity to reach rural populations in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland despite the complex political situation?

2.2. Understanding the issues, principles and systems requirements involved in carrying out the project and fitting into the five-year strategy and goals of the President's Emergency Plan (25 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate an understanding of the national cultural and political context and the technical and programmatic areas covered by the project? Does the applicant display knowledge of the five-year strategy and goals of the President's Emergency Plan, such that it can build on these to develop a comprehensive, collaborative project to reach underserved populations in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland and meet the goals of the Emergency Plan?

3. Work Plan (20 points):

Does the applicant describe strategies that are pertinent and match those identified in

the five-year strategy of the President's Emergency Plan and activities that are evidence-based, realistic, achievable, measurable and culturally appropriate in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland to achieve the goals of the Emergency Plan?

4. Capacity-Building (15 points):

Does the applicant describe a plan to progressively build the indigenous capacity of local organizations and of target beneficiaries and communities to respond to the epidemic, such that, if the applicant is not an national organization, at the end of the project period the applicant can turn over management of the project to a local partner or partners?

5. Administrative and Accounting Plan (15 points):

Is there a plan to prepare reports, monitor and evaluate activities, audit expenditures and manage the resources of the program?

6. Budget (not scored):

Is the budget itemized, well-justified and consistent with the five-year strategy and goals of the President's Emergency Plan and Emergency Plan activities in Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland?

V.2. Review and Selection Process

The HHS/CDC Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) staff will review applications for completeness, and HHS Global AIDS program will review them for responsiveness. Incomplete applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants will receive notification 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. All persons who serve on the panel will be external to the U.S. Government Country Program Office. The panel may include both Federal and non-Federal participants.

In addition, the following factors could affect the funding decision:

It is possible for one organization to apply as lead grantee with a plan that includes partnering with other organizations, preferably local. Although matching funds are not required, preference will be go to organizations that can leverage additional funds to contribute to program goals.

Applications will be funded in order by score and rank determined by the review panel. HHS/CDC will provide justification for any decision to fund out of rank order.

V.3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

October 15, 2005.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NoA) from the HHS/CDC Procurement and Grants Office. The NoA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and HHS/CDC. An authorized Grants Management Officer will sign the NoA, and mail it 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

45 CFR Part 74 and Part 92.

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>.

The following additional requirements apply to this project:

- AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions.
- AR-5 HIV Program Review Panel Requirements.
- AR-7 Executive Order 12372.
- AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements.
- AR-14 Accounting System Requirements.
- AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status.

Applicants can find additional information on these requirements on the HHS/CDC Web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/ARs.htm>.

You need to include an additional Certifications form from the PHS 5161-1 application in your Grants.gov electronic submission only. Please refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PHS5161-1-Certificates.pdf>. Once you have filled out the form, please attach it to your Grants.gov submission as Other Attachment Forms.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements

You must provide HHS/CDC with an original, plus two hard copies, of the following reports (in English).

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, including progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for South Africa.

f. Additional Requested Information.

2. Annual progress report, due no more than 60 days after the end of the budget period. Reports should include progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for South Africa.

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

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

Recipients must mail these reports to the Grants Management or Contract Specialist and Program Technical Assistance Project Officer 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, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Melanie Duckworth, Project Officer, HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program, 9300 Pretoria Place, Washington, DC 20521-9300, Telephone: 27 12 346 0170, E-mail: duckworthm@sa.cdc.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Shirley Wynn, Contract Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-1515, E-mail: zbx6@cdc.gov.

VIII. Other Information

Applicants can find this and other HHS funding opportunity announcements on the HHS/CDC Web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov> (Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements"), and on the Web site of the HHS Office of Global Health Affairs, Internet address: <http://www.globalhealth.gov>.

Dated: August 31, 2005.

William P. Nichols,

*Director, Procurement and Grants Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services.*

[FR Doc. 05-17666 Filed 9-6-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4163-18-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Strengthening and Expanding HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care and Support for Prostitutes and Their Associated Sexual Partners in the Republic of Haiti as Part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-AA158.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.067.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: September 29, 2005.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under sections 301(a) and 307 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. sections 241 and 2421] as amended, and under Public Law 108-25 (United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601].

Background: President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence-based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. The initiative aims to treat more than two million HIV-infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy by 2008; care for ten million HIV-infected and affected persons, including those orphaned by HIV/AIDS, by 2008; and prevent seven million infections by 2010, with a focus on 15 priority countries, including 2 in the Caribbean. The five-year strategy for the Emergency Plan is available at the following Internet address: <http://www.state.gov/s/gac/rl/or/c11652.htm>.

Over the same time period, as part of a collective national response, the Emergency Plan goals specific to Haiti are to treat at least 25,000 HIV-infected individuals; care for 125,000 HIV-affected individuals, including orphans.

Purpose: An essential element of preventing new cases of HIV in Haiti is to ensure that groups engaged in high-

risk behavior¹ have adequate access to screening, treatment, and care facilities. Haiti's HIV prevalence rate in adults is reported to be 5.6 percent, according to the 2004 Annual Report of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Access to prevention and treatment is limited among the Haitian population because of an underdeveloped public health infrastructure and a lack of clinical capacity.

This cooperative agreement seeks to fund HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment activities targeted at prostitutes and their associated sexual partners in Haiti, including by discouraging men from visiting prostitutes. Extremely high-risk groups are a priority for the national prevention effort in Haiti.

Prostitutes and their associated sexual partners have received little to no attention in the Haitian national prevention effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Prostitutes in Haiti engage in an illegal profession, and are thus very secretive and loosely organized through informal and often clandestine networks, and establishing a relationship with them to provide education, prevention, care and treatment is very difficult. This high-risk population needs to be much more engaged in the national prevention effort against the spread of HIV/AIDS in Haiti.

Under the leadership of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, as part of the President's Emergency Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) works with host countries and other key partners to assess the needs of each country and design a customized program of assistance that fits within the host nation's strategic plan.

HHS focuses on two or three major program areas in each country. Goals and priorities include the following:

- Achieving primary prevention of HIV infection through activities such as expanding confidential counseling and testing programs, building programs to reduce mother-to-child transmission, and strengthening programs to reduce

¹ Behaviors that increase risk for HIV transmission including engaging in casual sexual encounters, engaging in sex in exchange for money or favors, having sex with an HIV-positive partner or one whose status is unknown, using drugs or abusing alcohol in the context of sexual interactions, and using intravenous drugs. Women, even if faithful themselves, can still be at risk of becoming infected by their spouse, regular male partner, or someone using force against them. Other high-risk persons or groups include men who have sex with men and workers who are employed away from home.