

4. Participate in peer review of the project protocol(s).

5. Provide technical assistance in all phases of development, implementation, and maintenance of the cooperative agreement and collaborative project activities.

6. Assist in reporting and disseminating findings as well as relevant health and safety education and training information to state health officials, health-care providers, workers, managers, unions, and employers.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The applicant's understanding of the objectives of the proposed initiative. (5%)
2. Proposed schedule for initiating and accomplishing the activities of the cooperative agreement. (10%)
3. Responsiveness of the proposal to the scope and objectives described in the Announcement. (25%)
4. Technical merit and originality of the program proposal. (30%)
5. Training and experience of the proposed Program Director(s) and staff. The Program Director(s) must be a recognized scientist and technical expert, and must assume and provide assurances of major time commitment to the program. (10%)
6. Suitability of the facilities to conduct the program. (15%)
7. Evidence of plans for creative collaboration and coordination with local resources which could facilitate identification, evaluation or rehabilitation of workers with occupational respiratory diseases, including establishment of working relationships with State and Federal disability programs. (5%)
8. Extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the use of funds. (Not Scored)

Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are subject to Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs as governed by Executive Order (E.O.) 12372. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of proposed Federal assistance applications. Applicants (other than federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC for each

affected State. Indian tribes are strongly encouraged to request tribal government review of the proposed application. A current list of SPOCs is included in the application kit.

If SPOCs or tribal governments have any State process recommendations on applications submitted to CDC, they should send them to Henry S. Cassell, III, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30305, no later than 60 days after the application deadline date. The Program Announcement number and Program Title should be referenced on the document. The granting agency does not guarantee to "accommodate or explain" State process recommendations it receives after that date.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

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

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 93.262.

Other Requirements

Paperwork Reduction Act

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by this cooperative agreement will be subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Human Subjects

This program involves research on human subjects; therefore, all applicants must comply with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations, 45 CFR part 46, regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurance must be provided which demonstrates the project or activity will be subject to initial and continuing review by an appropriate institutional review committee.

In addition to other applicable committees, Indian Health Service (IHS) institutional review committees also must review the project if any component of IHS will be involved or will support the research. If any American Indian community is involved, its tribal government must also approve that portion of the project applicable to it.

The applicant will be responsible for providing assurances in accordance

with the appropriate guidelines and forms provided in the application kit.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Henry S. Cassell III, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E13, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before June 22, 1995.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

- (a) Received on or before the deadline date, or
- (b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the objective review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailings.)

2. Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in 1.(a) or 1.(b) above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered in the current competition and will be returned to the applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address, telephone number and will need to refer to Announcement 533.

You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures, and application forms.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from Oppie M. Byrd, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6546. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from John E. Parker, M.D., National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, WV 26505-2888, telephone (304) 285-5724.

Please refer to Announcement Number 533 when requesting information and submitting an application.