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**Part I. General Information**

*A. Purpose*

The purpose of this research initiative is to study critical child care issues as they relate to welfare recipients and low-income working families.

*B. Citations*

Funding for this research is authorized under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.647.

*C. Number of Awards*

Approximately three projects will be funded in fiscal year 1995 (ending September 30, 1995), subject to the availability of funds.

*D. Project Duration*

The total project period will be 36 months.

*E. Funding Levels and Budget Periods*

Initial awards will be for a one-year budget period. Individual projects will be funded at approximately \$100,000 for the first budget period of 12 months, with a possibility of up to \$100,000 per year in continuation funding to be awarded in fiscal years 1996 and 1997. It is anticipated that the total Federal funding for a three-year project will be approximately \$300,000.

Applications for continuation of cooperative agreements funded under this announcement will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis. The award of continuation funding beyond each one-year budget period (but within the three-year project period) will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

*F. Non-Federal Share of Project Costs*

A non-Federal match is required. Grantees must provide at least 25 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the Federal share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants

are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. Therefore, a project approved for funding under this announcement which is awarded a total of \$300,000 in Federal funds (based on an award of \$100,000 per 12-month budget period for three years) must include a match of at least \$100,000 (25 percent of the total cost of \$400,000).

Applicants are also encouraged to develop more extensive funding partnerships in order to propose a project of greater scope and complexity than would be possible within the funding levels specified in this announcement.

*G. Eligible Applicants*

This announcement solicits applications from non-profit partnerships composed of child care research groups in concert with child care agencies, organizations, businesses, or other entities with an interest in child care services for low-income families. A partnership is required. At least one member of the Child Care Research Partnership must be a research group affiliated with a university or four-year college.

The application must identify only one partner as the lead organization and official applicant. The official applicant must be a public or private non-profit agency or organization and may be either the research group or another partner. If the application is funded, the official applicant will be the recipient of the award and will be responsible for ensuring that the terms of the cooperative agreement are met. Profit-making organizations and non-federally recognized Tribes are not eligible to act as the official applicant.

Priority will be given to partnerships which (1) have access to an ongoing data base of current information about local market conditions and (2) are capable of analyzing local patterns of demand and supply in conjunction with state-level data on subsidized child care services. Applicants are also encouraged to form broadly constituted research partnerships in order to bring together interdisciplinary specialties, populations, services, data, and financial contributions.

Partnerships might include: (1) State, Tribal, county or local agencies which administer child care subsidy programs; (2) resource and referral organizations which collect and maintain an ongoing data base of local or statewide information on child care demand and supply; (3) organizations which conduct needs assessments or local market surveys; (4) planning councils, commissions, advisory groups, and civic

organizations which participate in child care planning and policy making; (5) early childhood programs, organizations, or professional associations; (6) providers of supportive services such as provider training, technical assistance, or consumer education; (7) child care consumer and provider groups; (8) foundations and charitable organizations; and (9) businesses and business associations.

Non-profit organizations must submit proof of non-profit status with the grant application. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of its listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS Tax exemption certificate and by providing a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

**Part II. Background and Context**

The cooperative agreements for research being awarded under this announcement will be funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), under authority of the Social Security Act, Section 1110. The projects will be managed by the Child Care Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

*A. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families*

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is one of ACF's component offices. The ACYF administers national programs for children, youth and families; works with States, Territories, Tribes and local communities to develop services which support and strengthen family life; seeks out joint ventures with the private sector to enhance the lives of children and their families; and provides information and other assistance to parents. The ACYF contains four programmatic bureaus and the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. The four bureaus include the Children's Bureau, the Family and Youth Services Bureau, the Head Start Bureau, and the Child Care Bureau, which will be responsible for managing the Child Care Research Partnerships.

*B. The Child Care Bureau*

The Child Care Bureau is a newly formed unit which provides a single locus for child care activities within ACF. The bureau seeks to enhance the quality, availability and affordability of