

development of immunization staff and the enhancement of immunization program efforts.

2. Collaboration (15 points)

The extent to which organization includes representatives of immunization programs who are actively engaged in directing immunization program efforts, and who represent state and local immunization program efforts from all parts of the nation.

3. Understanding of the Project (15 points)

Extent to which the applicant understands the requirements, problems, objectives, complexities, and interactions required of this project

4. Objectives (15 points)

Degree to which the proposed objectives are clearly stated, realistic, time phased, and related to the purpose of this project

5. Operational Plan and Timetable (15 points)

The extent to which the applicant's plan to carry out the activities proposed is feasible and consistent with the stated objectives in this proposal. The extent to which the timetable incorporates major activities and milestones that are specific, measurable and realistic. Dates, tasks, and persons responsible for accomplishing tasks should be included.

6. Staff Capacity (15 points)

Extent to which the professional personnel proposed to be involved in administering this project and the professional personnel proposed to provide program leadership have the capacity to perform the work proposed. This would include individual qualifications with evidence of past achievements for staff identified.

7. Evaluation Plan (10 points)

The extent to which the evaluation plan appears feasible for monitoring progress toward meeting the stated project objectives. In addition to evaluating outcome-related project objectives, the plan should clearly describe how the grantee will use performance measures to track internal processes.

8. Budget (not scored)

The budget should be reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of funds.

9. Performance goals (not scored)

The extent to which the application will further the NIP performance goals

stated in the purpose section of this announcement.

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Interim progress report, 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. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.

e. Additional Requested Information.

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

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

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Additional Requirements

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I of the program announcement, as posted on the CDC Web site.

AR-10—Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11—Healthy People 2010

AR-12—Lobbying Restrictions

AR-15—Proof of Non-Profit Status

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and associated forms can be found on the CDC home page Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

For general questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2700.

For business management assistance, contact: Peaches Brown, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: (770) 488-2738, Email address: prb0@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Kenneth Sharp, Program Operations Branch, ISD, National Immunization Program, Mailstop E-52, 1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: (404) 639-8215, E-mail address: ksharp@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Active Surveillance for Pertussis—Surveillance for Vaccine Preventable Disease as a Foundation for Evaluating the Effectiveness and Impact of an Adolescent/Adult Pertussis Immunization Program; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: June 5, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 317 and 2102 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247b and 300aa-2. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.185.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds to initiate a cooperative agreement for surveillance for pertussis in a defined geographic area to better characterize the epidemiology of pertussis disease across pediatric, adolescent, and adult age groups and to link disease surveillance with immunization registry data to evaluate vaccine effectiveness. Moreover, as licensure and recommendation of an adolescent/adult pertussis vaccine may occur in the United States in the near future, studies of the impact of this new recommendation could be conducted in this study site. The "Healthy People 2010" focus area is Objective 14: Immunization and Infectious Disease including 14.1 (Reduce or eliminate indigenous cases of vaccine-preventable diseases) and 14.24 (Increase the