

Any application that does not meet the above criteria will not be eligible for competition, and will be discarded. The applicant will be notified of their failure to meet the submission requirements.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Application

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the grant. 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. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

An independent review group appointed by CDC will evaluate each application against the following criteria:

1. Scientific or Technical Approach (30 points)

a. Provide evidence of demonstrated scientific expertise involving programs for the promotion of public health in sub-Saharan Africa.

b. Provide evidence of demonstrated technical expertise in developing blood transfusion and blood safety systems to include methods that are culturally and technologically appropriate to sub-Saharan Africa.

2. Methodology and Approach (20 points)

a. Provide evidence of demonstrated expertise in methodology for evaluation and development of national blood safety and management systems.

b. Demonstrate experience in providing staff training, strategic planning, test kits, testing services, and operations planning in sub-Saharan Africa.

c. Provide evidence of demonstrated successful experience involving blood management services in developing nations of sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Staff Experience and Capability (20 points)

Provide evidence of demonstrated technical expertise and professional experience of staff in the evaluation, organization, and management of blood transfusion services in an African nation. Provide evidence that management staff has ample experience in blood banking in Africa. Provide assurance that the team will be headed by an MD from sub-Saharan Africa and that the staff includes physicians with

expertise in hematology, blood transfusion, and infectious diseases.

4. Cultural Knowledge Requirements (20 points)

Provide evidence of demonstrated successful experience as a consultant in sub-Saharan African countries.

5. Understanding of the Project (10 points)

a. Demonstrated clarity, feasibility, and practicality of the proposed plan to accomplish this project.

b. Demonstrated recognition of the potential difficulties in performance and appropriateness and soundness of proposed solutions.

6. Budget Justification (not scored)

The extent to which the budget is clearly explained, adequately justified, and is reasonable and consistent with the stated objectives and planned activities.

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of a final financial report and a final report of findings and recommendations. These reports are due 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-12—Lobbying Restrictions

AR-14—Accounting System Requirements

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 Web site, 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 and budget assistance, contact: Angelia Hill, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2785, E-mail address: AHill@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Mark Keim, MD, International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mail Stop F-48, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-4597, E-mail address: MKeim@cdc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Cooperative Agreement to Develop, Implement, and Evaluate Viral Hepatitis Education and Training (VHET); Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: July 7, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301(a) and 317(k)(1) and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(k) and 247b(k)(1) and 247(k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program to develop, implement and evaluate health education activities to prevent and control viral hepatitis and its consequences. This program addresses the "Healthy People, 2010" focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of the program is to develop, implement and evaluate health educational activities that result in the prevention of infections with hepatitis viruses. The goals of these activities are to increase knowledge, change attitudes and practices (KAP) that should result in the prevention and control of viral