

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 670(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 670 (a)). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.263.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a grant program for institutional training grants in occupational safety and health. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Occupational Safety and Health.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The specific purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants to assist in providing an adequate supply of qualified professional occupational safety and health personnel. Projects are funded to support Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center Training Grants (ERCs) and Training Project Grants (TPGs).

ERCs are academic institutions that provide interdisciplinary graduate training and continuing education in the industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational medicine, occupational safety, and closely related occupational safety and health fields. The ERCs also serve as regional resource centers for industry, labor, government, and the public. TPGs are academic institutions that primarily provide single-discipline graduate training in the industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational medicine, occupational safety, and closely related occupational safety and health fields. Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: Ensure safer and healthier work environments for all Americans through information dissemination, knowledge transfer, and training.

C. Eligible Applicants

Any public or private educational or training institution that has demonstrated competency in the occupational safety and health field and is located in a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American

Samoa, Guam, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Wake Island, Outer Continental Shelf lands defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Johnston Island, and any other U.S. Territory or Trust Territory not named herein are eligible to apply for an institutional training grant.

Applications may be submitted by:

- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Technical schools.

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.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$3,825,000 is anticipated in FY 2004 to fund approximately 23 ERC and TPG awards, subject to availability of funds. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about July 1, 2004 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 5 years. Funding estimates may change. ERC individual program awards will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period not to exceed that of the main ERC training grant.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

At least 50 percent of the funds awarded for each grant must be used for direct trainee expenses. Post-doctoral trainee support is discouraged with the exception of occupational medicine residents. Under this announcement, only one award will be made to any single institution or organization.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Funding Preferences

Funding for ERCs: Approximately \$2,640,000 of the total funds available will be utilized as follows:

1. Approximately \$2,400,000 is available to award four competing continuation or new ERC grants. This includes a total of \$160,000 to augment the support of trainees in occupational medicine residency programs. Awards will range from \$400,000 to \$800,000 with the average award being \$600,000.
2. Approximately \$120,000 is available to award two competing

continuation or new training grants; one of the awards is planned for \$60,000 for a Hazardous Substance Academic Training (HSAT) Program and one of the awards is planned for \$60,000 for a Hazardous Substance Training (HST) Program. The awards are to support the development and presentation of continuing education and short courses (HST Programs), and academic curricula (HSAT Programs) for trainees and professionals engaged in the management of hazardous substances. Program support is available for faculty and staff salaries, trainee costs, and other costs to provide training and education for occupational safety and health and other professional personnel engaged in the evaluation, management, and handling of hazardous substances.

3. Approximately \$120,000 is available to award two competing continuation or new grants to support the enhancement of the ERC research training mission through the support of pilot project research training programs.

Funding for TPGs: Approximately \$780,000 is available to fund twelve competing continuation or new TPG grants. Awards will range from \$20,000 to \$100,000, with the average award being \$65,000. This includes a total of \$40,000 to augment the support of trainees in occupational medicine residency programs. These awards will support academic programs in the core disciplines (*i.e.*, industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational medicine, and occupational safety and ergonomics) and relevant components (*e.g.*, occupational injury prevention, industrial toxicology, and ergonomics).

These awards are intended to augment the scope, enrollment, and quality of training programs rather than to replace funds already available for current operations.

Funding for ERCs and TPGs:

Approximately \$405,000 is available to fund three competing continuation or new grants for occupational injury prevention research training. Awards will range from \$75,000 to \$150,000, with the average award being \$135,000. This program is intended to encourage new occupational injury prevention research training programs and will only support doctoral-level training and trainees. In institutions with existing NIOSH-funded occupational safety/ergonomics and/or injury epidemiology programs, funding will be considered for the addition of a doctoral-level program only if it is not part of the existing NIOSH-funded program. For the purpose of this announcement, only doctoral-level programs with a specific concentration in occupational injury