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CDER Small Business Assistance Drug Information Branch, 301-827-4573, ordib@cdcr.fda.gov.

CBER Division of Manufacturers Assistance and Training, 301-827-2000, or matt@cber.fda.gov.

CDRH Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance, dsm@cdhr.fda.gov, Telephone: 1-800-638-2041.

CVM Communications Staff, jkla@cvm.fda.gov, Telephone: 301-827-3806.

CFSAN Industry Activities Staff, giguina@cfsan.fda.gov, Telephone: 301-436-1730.

The Small Business Representatives identified below in each of FDA's five regional offices provide small businesses with personalized educational outreach and compliance assistance.

Northeast Region (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT)

Marilyn Corretto, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433-1034. Telephone: 718-662-5618. Fax: 718-662-5434. E-mail: orangersbr@ora.fda.gov.

Central Region (DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, MD, MI, MN, ND, NJ, OH, PA, SD, VA, WI, WV)

Marie T. Falcone, U.S. Customhouse, 2nd and Chestnut Sts., Room 900, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Telephone: (215) 597-2120 ext. 4003. Fax: (215) 597-5798. E-mail: mfalcone@ora.fda.gov.

Southeast Region (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, VI)

Food and Drug Administration, 60 Eighth St., NE., Atlanta, GA 30309. Telephone: (404) 253-1217. Fax: (404) 253-1207. E-mail: orasesbr@ora.fda.gov.

Southwest Region (AR, CO, IA, KS, MO, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY)

David Arvelo, 40 N. Central Expy., Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75204. Telephone: (214) 253-4952.

Assistant: Sue Thomason, Telephone: (214) 253-4951. Fax: (214) 253-4970. E-mail: oraswrsbr@ora.fda.gov.

Pacific Region (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA)

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Ombudsman

FDA's Ombudsman Offices provide compliance assistance and assistance in

informal dispute resolution. There are also ombudsman offices in most of the program offices.

Office of the Commissioner

Office of the Ombudsman, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4B-44, HF-7, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: 301-827-3390. Fax: 301-480-8039. E-mail: ombuds@oc.fda.gov.

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

Sherry Lard Whiteford, CBER Ombudsman (HFM-4), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 200N, Rockville, MD 20852-1448. E-mail: lard@cber.fda.gov. Telephone: 301-827-0379.

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

CDER Ombudsman (HFD-1), 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9-74, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: 301-594-5443 or 301-827-4312. E-mail: ombudsman@cdcr.fda.gov.

Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Les Weinstein, CDRH Ombudsman, Office of the Center Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd. (HFZ-5), Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: 301-827-7991. Fax: 301-827-2565. E-mail: ombudsman@cdhr.fda.gov.

Center for Veterinary Medicine

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

CMS's Small Business Office

CMS has a full time Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist (SDBUS) located in its Acquisition and Grants Group. The SADBUS is the Agency's focal point for ensuring that all reasonable action is taken to increase awards to small, small disadvantaged, HUBZones, and women-owned businesses. Company profiles and capability statements for all types of services are maintained by this office. Inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Joanne Day, on 410-786-5166, or e-mail may be sent to: jday@cms.hhs.gov.

Grant Opportunities

While CMS's Program Offices are concerned with the scientific, technical and programmatic topics, the Acquisition and Grants Group/Research Contracts and Grants Division is primarily charged with the business management and policy aspects of CMS's discretionary grant and cooperative agreement activities.

Currently, CMS conducts a myriad of R&D programs including (but not limited to) the following: Fraud and Abuse Initiatives, State Health Insurance, Small Business Innovation Research, Dissertation Fellowship Grants, Nursing Home Transition Initiatives, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Health Services Research. For additional information, please contact Judy Norris on (410) 786-5130 or e-mail to: jnorris1@cms.hhs.gov.

In addition, CMS provides on its all-purpose Web site, www.CMS.HHS.gov, extensive amounts of information about the agency's programs, organized in terms of the kind of health-service provider affected, e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, or durable medical equipment suppliers. This information is not currently differentiated in terms of the size of these providers' business entities, but CMS is planning to take steps in the near future to earmark the information in terms of its applicability to small businesses.

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) exists primarily to expand access to health care for medically underserved individuals and families across the nation through community-based networks of primary and preventive health care services. HRSA has become known as "The 'Access' Agency" for its services to Americans who lack health insurance; 62 million Americans in rural communities; 78 million racial and ethnic minorities; over 800,000 Americans with HIV/AIDS; and about 80,000 U.S. residents awaiting organ transplants.

HRSA Contracting Office and Small Business Representative

The HRSA contracting office, the Contracts Operations Branch, is currently part of the Division of Grants and Procurement Management. The current Small Business Representative, Ms. Debora Pitts, is available to assist small businesses in navigating the field of HRSA acquisitions. Ms. Pitts may be contacted at 301-443-3789.