

to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, CDC will upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

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 cooperative agreement. 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. Importance of the Laboratory in Zambia's Public Health Laboratory Network (40 points)

The extent to which the applicant's proposal demonstrates the key role of the laboratory for HIV, STD or TB control programs and disease surveillance in Zambia.

2. Ability To Jointly Work with CDC on the Project (20 points)

The extent to which the applicant documents their ability to work with CDC to jointly develop laboratory capacity in the areas of HIV, STIs or TB.

3. Personnel (20 points)

The extent to which professional personnel involved in this project are qualified to develop and implement laboratory projects in the areas of HIV, STIs or TB.

4. Administration (20 points)

The adequacy of the plans to account for, prepare reports, monitor, and audit expenditures under this agreement.

5. Budget (Reviewed, but not scored)

The extent to which the itemized budget for conducting the project is itemized and justified.

Does the application adequately address the requirements of title 45 CFR part 46 for the protection of human

subjects? Not scored; however, an application can be disapproved if the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against risks is so inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.

Does the application adequately address the CDC policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research? This includes:

1. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

2. The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

3. A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

4. A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

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.

AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements
AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions
AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
AR-14 Accounting System Requirements

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: Shirley Wynn, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146. Telephone: 770-488-1515. E-mail: zbx6@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: David B. Nelson, Chief of Party, Global AIDS Program, Zambia, American Embassy, Corner of Independence and United Nations Avenues, Lusaka, Zambia. Telephone: +260-1-250955. E-mail: nelsond@zamcdc.org.zm.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03060]

Support for Government Monitoring and Evaluation Infrastructure for HIV/AIDS/STD/TB Control Activities in the Republic of Zambia; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: August 7, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 307 of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. section 2421), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.941.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the