

manage and administer a national blood transfusion system?

## 2. Feasibility of Plan: 35 Points

(a) Infrastructure—Is the plan to develop blood center infrastructure sound and reasonable?

(b) Blood collection—Is the plan to develop blood collection facilities, including the development of blood donor recruitment networks, reasonable?

(c) Testing—Is the plan to develop blood transfusion testing laboratories, including standard operating procedures and protocols, reasonable?

(d) Transfusion and Blood Utilization—Does the applicant's plan to develop blood transfusion practice guidelines and a blood utilization review program seem reasonable?

(e) Training—Does the applicant have the resources and a reasonable plan to develop a comprehensive training program in the basic principles and practices of blood banking and transfusion medicine?

(f) Monitoring and evaluation—Is the monitoring and evaluation plan feasible? Does the plan measure important indicators?

(g) Sustainability—Is the plan for sustainability reasonable and feasible?

## 3. Measures of Effectiveness: 10 Total

Do the measures of effectiveness address the number of blood units tested safe for transfusion-transmitted diseases and the number of persons receiving safe transfusions?

**V.2. Review and Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed for completeness by the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) staff, and for responsiveness by the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. Incomplete applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants will be notified that their application did not meet submission requirements.

An interagency objective review panel will evaluate complete and responsive applications according to the criteria listed in the "V.1. Criteria" section above.

In addition, the following factors may affect the funding decision:

- Geographic distribution
- Percentage of staff who are citizens of the country in which services will be provided.

## V.3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates:

Award Date: March 25, 2004.

## VI. Award Administration Information

**VI.1. Award Notices:** Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Grant

Award (NGA) from the USG Procurement and Grants Office. The NGA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and USG. The NGA will be signed by an authorized Grants Management Officer, and mailed to the recipient fiscal officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review by mail.

**VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** 45 CFR part 74 and part 92.

For more information on the Code of Federal Regulations, see the National Archives and Records Administration at the following Internet address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>.

*The following additional requirements apply to this project:*

- AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions.
- AR-5 HIV Program Review Panel Requirements.
- AR-6 Patient Care.
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements.
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements.
- AR-11 Healthy People 2010.
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions.
- AR-14 Accounting System Requirements.
- AR-16 Security Clearance Requirement.
- AR-23 States and Faith-Based Organizations.
- AR-24 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Requirements.
- AR-25 Release and Sharing of Data.

Additional information on these requirements can be found on the CDC web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/ARs.htm>.

**Reporting Requirements:** You must provide CDC with a hard copy original, plus two copies of the following reports:

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. Semi-annual progress report, due 7 months after the beginning of each

budget period. This report should contain the following elements:

- (a) Progress on achieving objectives
- (b) Modification or new activities
3. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

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

These reports must be sent to the Grants Management Specialist listed in the "Agency Contacts" section of this announcement.

## VII. Agency Contacts

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

For program technical assistance, contact: Kenneth Clark, M.D., MPH, Project Officer, National Center for HIV, STD, and TN Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd, NE, MS E04, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-8057, E-mail: [kjc4@cdc.gov](mailto:kjc4@cdc.gov).

For budget assistance, contact: Shirley Wynn, Contract Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-1515, E-mail: [zbx6@cdc.gov](mailto:zbx6@cdc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Providing Technical Assistance Support for the Rapid Strengthening of Blood Transfusion Services in Selected Countries in Africa and the Caribbean Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

*Announcement Type:* New, Cooperative Agreement.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* 04078.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 93.943.

#### Key Dates

- Application Deadline: March 1, 2004.

*Executive Summary:* An important aspect of President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief plan is to provide