

uses on Section 28, including the recent lease construction of 150,000 square foot building for SOUTHCOM Headquarters.

Other land use on Section 28 include several large office buildings (former Eastern Doral Computer Center and Headquarters Carnival Cruise Lines), an FAA radar facility, the Metro-Dade Police Headquarters, the 80 acre Miami West Park, and light industrial and warehouse buildings. Given the mix of uses, including other substantial government facilities on Section 28, the INS at the proposed lease construction would not be out of character with other surrounding land uses. Included in the Police Station complex on Section 28 are four buildings totaling over 300,000 square feet including the Metro-Dade Police Headquarters, Police District #3 Doral West, maintenance and vehicle storage, and detention facilities.

The INS facility at the proposed location would be in substantial zoning compliance and would conform to land uses on other surrounding properties. The building would be designed as a commercial office building of similar size and appearance to other nearby buildings. The above are mitigating factors demonstrating that the proposed facility is not out of character to other land uses in Section 28, and therefore should have no unique impact on the surrounding community.

A Final Development Order will be required by Dade County at the conclusion of the Concurrency review. This review will determine if public services and infrastructure are available to support the proposed project. If the capacity is not available, then permitting would not be available to the developer, or alterations to the proposed development would be required by Dade County in order to meet Concurrency Standards. This process would serve to mitigate potential impacts this project would cause to the infrastructure and public services in the area.

No Action

INS relocation to Western Dade County cause would a small negative impact to the area around the 7880 Biscayne Boulevard location due to potential loss of retail and service business. However, due to the high crime rates in the general area, most INS employees do not patronize nearby retail establishments.

Some of the nearby businesses generate income from the INS clients who often spend hours waiting in line due to the inefficient layout at the current facility. Mitigating factors to these impacts would include the two-

year lead time the property owner would have to find a replacement tenant, and the two-year lead time period the existing business would have to make appropriate adjustments in their business plans. Efforts are underway by the Biscayne Area Chamber of Commerce to promote Downtown Development Initiatives and obtain grants to stimulate the economy in the area.

There would be serious adverse impacts to the INS if they remained long term in their current facilities. There is no opportunity for expansion. Continued operation of physically separated functions will continue to hinder the INS in performing its mission. INS performs an important function for the United States with the administration and enforcement of US Immigration Laws. Operating in inadequate facilities and separated locations would negatively impact the INS' ability to effectively service its clients as well as the public.

Rationale for Decision

1. The proposed action was found to fall within the Dade County Concurrency Standards for traffic based on a traffic study conducted as part of the EIS.

2. Public transportation is available at the proposed location. Based on the existing route system, the capacity exists to increase the level of public transportation to the proposed facility. GSA will contact Metro-Dade Transit Authority at the appropriate point in the process to facilitate route and service alteration at the proposed facility to accommodate the public transportation needs.

3. The proposed facility is in compliance with local zoning, land use and comprehensive plans, contains more than the required parking, and would be subject to Concurrency review as part of the permitting process. The developer would be required to obtain permits and local approvals.

4. There are currently other substantial government facilities located on Section 28, including the FAA radar tower, the US Army Southern Command Headquarters (SOUTHCOM), and the Metro-Dade Police Station and Doral Substation including detention facilities. There was no evidence found that any of these other public uses have caused negative impacts to property values, nor any evidence that the INS would negatively impact property values. SOUTHCOM has just leased a new 150,000 square foot building, less than a mile southeast of the proposed site, to house 900 federal employees for occupancy June 1, 1997. In the opinion

of an Appraiser retained by GSA, the INS facility would not constitute a stigma development.

5. The INS facility will be designed to accommodate the needs of the INS and to provide a secure building that will be visually and functionally compatible with other nearby commercial and public use buildings.

6. There was no evidence presented to indicate that this project would uniquely contribute to increased crime in the area.

Therefore, having given consideration to all of the factors discovered during the 13 month environmental review process, it is GSA's decision to proceed with the Proposed Action: Lease construction of a building of 214,607 occupiable square feet of space, to house the INS consolidation on a 7.3 acre site is located at 9300-9499 NW 41st Street in Miami.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

Phil Youngberg,

Regional Environmental Officer (PT).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Public Health and Science Region, VI; Announcement of Availability of a Grant for a Family Planning Information, Education and Clinical Services Linkage Innovations Research Project

AGENCY: Office of Family Planning, Region VI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Family Planning (OPF), Region VI, requests applications for a new research grant in family planning services delivery improvement.

DATES: To receive consideration, applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Office of Grants Management no later than June 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications should be sent to: Office of Grants Management, U.S. Public Health Service, DHHS Region VI, 1301 Young St., Suite 766, Dallas, TX 75202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Glass, Family Planning Unit Chief—214-767-3088, for assistance on technical and program aspects; Maureen Pickett, Grants Management Officer—214-767-3401, to answer questions about the preparation of grant applications.

Requests for applications kits may be faxed to 214-767-3425.

ELIGIBILITY: Any public or private non-profit organization or agency which has offices in Region VI (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) and which has the ability to coordinate the project across state boundaries is eligible to apply for this grant. The grant will be awarded only to an organization or agency which demonstrates a capability to provide the proposed services, meets the statutory requirements, and currently maintains an office in the region.

The applicant who receives funds under this announcement must be knowledgeable regarding reproductive health needs within Region VI states, must have the ability to work with and obtain information from Title X grantees, State Family Planning Training Coordinators, and various community groups across the Region, and must be able to coordinate and facilitate technical assistance and training activities with community-based demonstration projects in the region.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title X of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et sea.*, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (OHS) to award grants and contracts to: (1) Establish and operate family planning clinics; (2) provide training for personnel to carry out family planning service programs; (3) provide research in fields related to family planning service and service delivery; and (4) develop and distribute family planning informational and educational materials.

Section 1001 of the statute authorizes the Secretary to award grants to public or private non-profit entities to assist in the establishment and operation of voluntary family planning projects to provide a broad range of acceptable and effective family planning methods and services (including natural family planning methods, infertility services, and services for adolescents). The statute requires that, to the extent practicable, entities shall encourage family participation. Title X funds may not be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning. Implementing regulations for Section 1001 appear at 42 CFR part 59, subpart A.

Section 1004 authorizes the Secretary to make grants to public or private non-profit entities and individuals for projects for research in the biomedical, contraceptive development, behavioral and program implementation fields related to family planning and

population. Implementing regulations for Section 1004 appear at 42 CFR part 52. Region VI Office of Family Planning intends to make available funds to investigate innovative approaches for providing family planning/reproductive health related information and services targeted to specific hard to reach populations.

Purposes of Grant

This notice announces the availability for funds to support a new research project to address two (2) of the five (5) Title X program priorities:

- (1) Increasing outreach to individuals not likely to seek services, including males, homeless persons, disabled persons, substance abusers, and adolescents; and
- (3) Serving adolescents, including more community education, emphasis on postponement of sexual activity, and more accessible provision of contraceptive counseling and contraception.

The family planning services program, authorized by Section 1001 of Title X, is required by law to provide family planning services, including education and counseling, to all persons desiring such services. There are subgroups of the population which have been under-represented in the traditional family planning delivery system. Experience has shown that it is difficult to draw some sub-populations, such as males of all ages, certain adolescents, homeless persons, disabled persons, and substance abusers, into the traditional clinic setting for family planning/reproductive health related information and services. This effort, authorized under Section 1004 of the Title X statute, is an attempt to look at ways to link family planning/reproductive health services with community-based providers of clinical, social and educational services to the under-served populations.

Approximately \$1.2 million is available to support the research project, and \$1 million of that amount is available to support new innovations for linking providers of family planning information, education, and clinical services to populations that are less likely to seek services and are often hard to reach (such as but not limited to males, homeless persons, disabled persons, substance abusers, and adolescents). An applicant for a grant under this announcement may elect to support the development of a network of linkages between agencies which service any of the hard to reach populations, including but not limited to those described above, and appropriate services and activities

relating to family planning/reproductive health. The linkages might involve arranging for the production and distribution of appropriate and relevant patient educational materials; making transportation available for clinical services; or, providing for public information and education on family planning/reproductive health issues.

In addition, with approximately \$200,000, and in close collaboration with Region VI staff, the applicant who receives funds under this announcement will be responsible for the following activities:

- Advertise the availability of funds for the community-based projects;
- Assist community-based organizations with development and preparation of proposals;
- Provide technical assistance to interested organizations;
- Receive and screen proposals;
- Assemble an Objective Review Committee to review proposals;
- Arrange for the transfer of funds to community-based organizations whose projects are selected for funding; and
- Provide assistance with regular follow-up and program evaluation.

Application Consideration and Assessment

Applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary panel of independent reviewers and assessed according to the following criteria:

(1) A clear description of the project, including goals and objectives, methods of achieving objectives, a reasonable work plan and timetable, and a clear statement of results or benefits expected. (20 points)

(2) The feasibility of the project and the likelihood of its producing meaningful results, as evidenced by the applicant's sound methodology to measure the extent to which the proposed approach enhances the delivery of family planning/reproductive health education, counseling and/or services to hard to reach populations and its potential for replication. (25 points)

(3) The history of the applicant organization in successfully providing a variety of services, such as clinical, social, educational, training, vocational, and legal services, to under-served and hard to reach populations or in under-served communities or collaborating with agencies that serve these populations. (25 points)

(4) The administrative and management capability of the applicant organization in relation to the type of project proposed, the project period, and the adequacy of the applicant's resources for the project. (15 points)

(5) Letters of support from community-based organizations indicating their support of the project and their interest in participating in the project. (15 points)

Applications must be postmarked or, if not sent by U.S. mail, received at the Office of Grants Management no later than the close of business on June 15, 1998. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applications which are postmarked later than June 15, 1998 will be judged late and will not be accepted for review. (Applicants should request a legibly dated postmark from the U.S. Postal Service.) Applications which do not conform to the requirements of this program announcement or do not meet the applicable regulatory requirements will not be accepted for review. Applicants will be so notified, and the applications will be returned.

Grant Award

The grant will be funded in annual increments (budget periods). The project may be funded for up to three (3) years. Funding for all approved budget periods beyond the first year is contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the project, and adequate stewardship of federal funds.

Review Under Executive Order 12372

Applicants under this announcement are subject to the review requirements of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100. As soon as possible, the applicant should discuss the project with the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for each State to be served. The application kit contains the currently available listing of the SPOCs which have elected to be informed of the submission of applications. For those States not represented on the listing, further inquiries should be made to the Governor's office of the pertinent states for information regarding the review process designated by their state or the SPOC for the state in question.

SPOC comments must be received by the Office of Grants Management 30 days prior to the funding date to be considered.

When the final funding decision has been made, each applicant will be notified by letter of the outcome of its application. The official document notifying an applicant that a project application has been approved for funding is the Notice of Grant Award, which specifies to the grantee the amount of money awarded, the

purposes of the grant, and terms and condition of the grant award.

Dated: April 8, 1998.

James Randolph Farris,

Regional Health Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Injury Research Grant Review Committee: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Injury Research Grant Review Committee (IRGRC).

Time and Date: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., June 6, 1998; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., June 7, 1998.

Place: Renaissance Atlanta Hotel-Downtown, 590 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

Status: Open: 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m., June 6, 1998. Closed: 7 p.m.-9 p.m., June 6, 1998, through 5 p.m., June 7, 1998.

Purpose: This committee is charged with advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the scientific merit and technical feasibility of grant applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct specific injury research that focus on prevention and control and to support injury prevention research centers.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include announcements, discussion of review procedures, and review of grant applications.

Beginning at 7 p.m., June 6, through 5 p.m., June 7, the Committee will meet to conduct a review of grant applications. This portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person For More Information: Richard W. Sattin, M.D., Executive Secretary, IRGRC, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S K58, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-4580.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

Nancy C. Hirsch,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Research Studies to Support Microbial Risk Assessment Modeling; Availability of Cooperative Agreements; Request for Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) is announcing the availability of approximately \$800,000 for research funds for fiscal year (FY) 1998 to conduct research to support the development of risk assessment dose-response models for microbiological hazards associated with food. FDA anticipates making two to three awards at \$250,000 to \$400,000 (direct and indirect costs) per award per year. Support of these agreements may be up to 3 years. The number of agreements funded will depend on the quality of the applications received and the availability of Federal funds to support the project. After the first year, 2 additional years of noncompetitive support are predicated upon performance and the availability of Federal FY funds.

DATES: Submit applications by June 18, 1998. If the closing date falls on a weekend, it will be extended to Monday; if the date falls on a holiday, it will be extended to the following workday.

ADDRESSES: Application forms are available from, and completed applications should be submitted to: Robert L. Robins, Grants Management Officer, Division of Contracts and Procurement Management (HFA-520), Food and Drug Administration, Park Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 3-40, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-6170. Applications hand-carried or commercially delivered should be addressed to Park Bldg., 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 3-40, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regarding the administrative and financial management aspects of