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By Direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

[Program Announcement 13655.911]

Grants to Indian Tribal Organizations for Supportive and Nutritional Services for Older Indians

AGENCY: Administration on Aging (AoA), OS, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and opportunity to apply under the Older Americans Act, Title VI, Grants for Native Americans, Part A—Indian Program.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging will accept applications for funding in fiscal year (FY) 1999 under the Older Americans Act, title VI, Grants for Native Americans, part A—Indian Program, from all current title VI, part A grantees, current grantees who wish to leave a consortium and apply as a new grantee, and eligible federally recognized Indian tribal organizations that are not now participating in title VI and would like to apply as a new grantee. Successful applications from new grantees will be funded if funds permit.

DATE: Applications must be received or postmarked on or before January 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: See Appendix A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Yvonne Jackson, Ph.D., Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, Wilbur J. Cohen Federal Building, Room 4743, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 619-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background and Program Purpose

The Administration on Aging (AoA) is responsible for administering title VI, part A of the Older Americans Act,

which provides for grants to Indian tribal organizations representing federally recognized Tribes for the provision of nutritional and supportive services to Indian elders.

The 1978 Amendments to the Older Americans Act created title VI, Grants for Indian Tribal Organizations. The purpose of this title is to promote the delivery of supportive and nutritional services for Indian elders that are comparable to services provided under title III of the Older Americans Act. (Title III of the Older Americans Act, entitled "Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging" is the nationwide program of supportive and nutritional services which serves persons over age 60 of all ethnic groups.)

In the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987, the name of title VI was changed to Grants for Native Americans, and part B—Native Hawaiian Programs—was added.

Nutritional services and information and assistance services are required by the Act. Nutritional services include congregate meals and home-delivered meals. Supportive services include information and assistance, transportation, chore services, and other supportive services which contribute to the welfare of older Native Americans.

2. Eligibility of an Indian Tribal Organization or Indian Tribe to Receive a Grant

To be eligible to receive a grant, a tribal organization or Indian tribe must meet the application requirements contained in sections 612(a) and 612(b) of the Act, which are: "(1) the tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who are 60 years of age or older; and (2) the tribal organization demonstrates the ability to deliver supportive services, including nutritional services." For purposes of title VI, part A, the terms "Indian tribe" and "tribal organization" have the same meaning as in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

This announcement concerns all federally recognized Indian tribal organizations, those currently participating in title VI, part A individually or as members of a consortium and those that are not currently participating in title VI, part A.

3. Available Funds

Distribution of funds among tribal organizations is subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out title VI, part A. As stated in section 614A(b) of the Act, the amount of the

grant made under this part to a tribal organization for FY 1992 and for each subsequent fiscal year shall be not less than the amount of the grant made under this part to the tribal organization for FY 1991 as stated under section 614A(a) of the Act. If the funds appropriated to carry out this part in a fiscal year subsequent to FY 1991 exceed the funds appropriated to carry out this part in FY 1991, then the amount of the grant (if any) made under this part to a tribal organization for the subsequent fiscal year shall be: (1) Increased by such amount as the Assistant Secretary considers to be appropriate, in addition to the amount of any increase required by subsection (a), so that the grant equals or more closely approaches the amount of the grant made under this part to the tribal organization for FY 1980; or (2) an amount the Assistant Secretary considers to be sufficient if the tribal organization did not receive a grant under this part for either FY 1980 or FY 1991.

Applications from current grantees who are a part of a consortium and wish to leave the consortium will be treated as new grant applications. Successful new grant applications for both current grantees who are leaving a consortium and tribal organizations who are not current grantees will be funded pending availability of additional funds.

Information on typical grant levels in FY 1998 is given below as a guide to possible funding levels for Tribes representing the following documented numbers of Indian elders over age 60:

Population range (number of older Indians age 60 years and over, represented by the tribal organization)	Amounts of awards in FY 1998 (dollars)
50 to 100	57,180
101 to 200	64,880
201 to 300	73,670
301 to 400	83,020
401 to 500	91,810
501 to 1500	106,350
1501+	139,640

4. Application Process

Applicants should submit applications, describing their proposed plans for nutritional and supportive services for older Indians for *project period April 1, 1999–March 31, 2002*, as described in section 5 below, "Content of the Application."

A three year project period was chosen in order to reduce the paperwork burden on the grantees. It is the intent of this agency to conduct on site monitoring at least once during the three year project period.

The Program Performance and Financial Status reports, due on a semi-annual basis, will be reviewed for compliance with the program regulations. Failure to submit the required reports during the project period may result in loss of future funds and possibly termination of the grant within the project period.

Thirty days prior to the end of each budget period within the three year project period grantees shall notify AoA as to their desire to continue as a grantee. Failure to submit this documentation within the required timeframe may result in loss of grant funding. At the beginning of each budget period within the three year project period grantees will be notified of the funding level for the subsequent year.

One original application, signed by the principal official of the Tribe, and two copies of the complete application, including all attachments, must be submitted to the Administration on Aging, Grants Management Division, Margaret Tolson, Director, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201. Incomplete applications and applications postmarked after the closing date will not be considered for funding.

5. Content of the Application

The application must meet the criteria in sections 614(a) and (b) of the Act, and title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 1326.19. The application may be presented in any format selected by the tribal organization. Contact the AoA Regional Office in your geographic area if you have questions concerning the content of the application. The application must include the following information:

A. Objectives and Need for Assistance

This section must include objectives, expressed in measurable terms, which are related to the current supportive and nutrition service needs of the elders to be represented by the Tribal Organization. This section must also include a discussion of how the needs were evaluated.

B. Results or Benefits Expected

The application should describe the results or benefits expected from each service proposed.

C. Approach

(1) Description and Method of Delivery of Each Service

(a) *Nutrition.* Nutrition services are required. There should be a description of the methods, facilities, and staff to be used in preparing, serving, and

delivering meals, and the estimated number of persons to be served. The nutrition services provided, either directly or by way of a grant or contract, must be substantially in compliance with the provisions of part C, title III, which include:

1. Provide at least one hot or other appropriate meal a day, 5 or more days a week in a congregate setting, any additional meals which the recipient of a grant may elect to provide. A "meal", as used in section 307(a)(13), 308(b)(7), 311(a)(4), 331(1), 336, 338(a)(1), 339, and 339A of the Act and § 1321.17, § 1321.59 and § 1321.64, is a planned event in a day at which a variety of prepared foods are provided to an individual. These meals shall comply with the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Additionally, the meals must provide the nutrients specified in the current, daily Recommended Dietary Allowances, as established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences as specified in Section 339(2) unless the meal is a special meal provided to meet the health, religious, or ethnic considerations of eligible individuals. Snacks, partial meals, and second helpings are not considered meals.

2. Provide at least one home delivered hot, cold, frozen, dried, canned, or supplemental food (with a satisfactory storage life) meal per day, 5 or more days a week, and any additional meals which the recipient of a grant may elect to provide. The above definition of a meal also applies here. Thus, neither individual grocery items nor food vouchers may be used in lieu of home delivered meals.

If no title VI, part A funds are to be used for nutrition services, the application must state how such services are provided in other ways, and how they are financed.

(b) *Information and Assistance.* Information and assistance services are required. They must be available for older Indians living in the title VI, part A service area and there should be a description of what information and assistance services will be provided and how they will be provided. The estimated number of individuals to be served should be stated. If no title VI, part A funds are to be used for information and assistance services, the application must state how such services are provided in other ways, and how they are financed.

(c) *Other Supportive Services.* The application must describe any other supportive services to be provided

wholly or partly by title VI, part A funds. The description should include what supportive services will be provided and how they will be provided. The approximate number of persons to be served by each service should be stated.

Legal assistance and ombudsman services may be provided, but are not required. However, if provided, they should be reported as "Supportive Services."

If a tribal organization elects to provide legal services, it must substantially comply with the requirements in title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 1321.71, and all legal assistance providers must comply fully with the requirements in § 1321.71(d) through § 1321.71(k).

Transportation of persons to nutrition sites or other places is to be considered as a "Supportive Service."

(d) *Coordination with title III.* The application should provide a description of how title VI and title III resources and services are to be coordinated within the title VI service area, including information and assistance service.

(2) Evaluation Criteria

The application must discuss the criteria to be used to evaluate the results and successes of the program, based on the objectives and results or benefits expected indicated in Item A and B above. It will also explain the methodology that will be used to determine if the needs identified and discussed are being met and if the results and benefits identified in Item B above are being achieved.

D. Geographic Location

The application must include an appropriate narrative description of the geographical area to be served and an assurance that procedures will be adopted to ensure against duplicate services being provided to the same recipients. A map of the designated service area may be included in the application.

E. Additional Information

(1) Older Indians in the Title VI, Part A Service Area

The law requires that a tribal organization must represent at least 50 persons aged 60 years or over in order to be eligible for title VI funding. Therefore, the number of persons aged 60 or over living in the proposed title VI service area must be stated in the application. The tribal organization may use Bureau of Statistics population figures, or may develop its own

population statistics, but they must be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in order to establish eligibility, as required in section 614(b) of the Older American Act, as amended. The amount of the grant is based on the number of Indians or Alaskan Natives aged 60 years or over in the proposed service area. Thus, the application should include only the number of Indians and Alaskan Natives aged 60 years or over in the proposed service area and not the total population census of all tribal members, age 60 and above, unless all the tribal members live in the proposed service area. If there is overlap between two or more title VI, part A applicants, as stated under "Geographic Location", the eligible elders can only be counted once and included in one application. The applicants are responsible for determining how the eligible elders will be counted. The same elder may not be counted by more than one applicant. This must be stated clearly in the application and signed by the principal official of the tribal organization.

As a separate matter, the regulations allow a Tribe to define, based on its own criteria, who the Tribe will consider to be an "older Indian" for purposes of eligibility to receive title VI services. If a Tribe selects a different definition of "older Indian" for service delivery, the application must state the age selected, and the number of Indians under age 60 eligible to be served. All Tribes in a consortium must use the same age for "older Indian."

(2) Resolution

The tribal organization representing a federally recognized Tribe must submit an original copy of the Tribal council resolution authorizing participation in title VI, part A for the grant period April 1, 1999 to March 30, 2002. If the tribal organization represents a consortium of more than one Tribe, a resolution is required from each participating Tribe, specifically authorizing representation by the tribal organization for the purpose of title VI, part A of the Older Americans Act for the grant period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2002.

(3) Program Assurances

Title VI, part A Program Assurances must be included in the application. The title VI, part A Program Assurances are those provisions identified in section 614(a) of the Older Americans Act, and in title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 1326.19(d), issued August 31, 1988 (see appendix B). The tribal organization must state that it agrees to abide by all the provisions for

the entire project period, April 1, 1999–March 31, 2002.

Copies of the title III and title VI current law and regulations, and of part 92, may be obtained from the Regional Administrator for the Administration on Aging. (See appendix A)

(4) Certification Forms

Certifications are required of the applicant regarding (a) lobbying; (b) debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters; and (c) drug-free workplace requirements. Please note that a duly authorized representative of the applicant organization must attest to the applicant's compliance with these certifications.

(5) Identifying Information

Applications must identify both the principal official of the tribal organization, and the proposed title VI program director: Name, Title, Address including Zip Code, Telephone Number, and, if available, the FAX Number and E-mail address. The tribal organization's EIN (Employer Identification Number) must also be included.

If the applicant tribal organization is a consortium, the applicant must list the federally recognized tribes which are included. The tribal resolution from each tribe in the consortium must be included in the application.

(6) Closing Date for Application

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be received or postmarked on or before January 28, 1999. (Applicants are cautioned to request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, or to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

(7) Action on Applications

Awards will be made by the Assistant Secretary for Aging. Funding decisions will be announced as soon as possible.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program #93.655 Grants to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiians. This Program Announcement is not subject to E.O. 12372.)

Dated: October 23, 1998.

Jeanette C. Takamura,
Assistant Secretary for Aging.

Appendix A

Regional Offices

Region I (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)

Bob O'Connell, Bi-Regional Administrator,
John F. Kennedy Building, Room 2075,
Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-
1158, FAX (617) 565-4511

Region II (DC, DE, MD, NY, NJ, PA, PR, VA, VI, WV)

Bob O'Connell, Bi-Regional Administrator,
26 Federal Plaza, Room 38-102, New
York, New York 10278, (212) 264-2976,
FAX (212) 264-0114

Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

John Diaz, Bi-Regional Administrator, 101
Marietta Tower, Suite 1702, Atlanta, GA
30323, (404) 331-5900, FAX (404) 331-
2017

Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)

Larry Brewster, Bi-Regional Administrator,
105 West Adams Street, 10th Floor,
Chicago, Illinois 60603, (312) 353-3141,
FAX (312) 886-8533

Region VI (AR, LA, OK, NM, TX)

John Diaz, Bi-Regional Administrator, 1301
Young Street, Room 736, Dallas, Texas
75201, (214) 767-2971, FAX (214) 767-
2951

Region VII (IA, KS, MO, NE)

Larry Brewster, Bi-Regional Administrator,
1150 Grand Avenue, suite 600, Kansas
City, Missouri 64106, (816) 374-6015,
FAX (816) 374-6020

Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)

Percy Devine, III, Bi-Regional Administrator,
1961 Stout Street, Room 908, Federal
Office Building, Denver, Colorado
80294-3538, (303) 844-2951, FAX (303)
844-2943

Region IX (AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, GU, HI, NV, TTPI)

Percy Devine, III, Bi-Regional Administrator,
50 United Nations Plaza, Room 455, San
Francisco, California 94102, (415) 437-
8780, FAX (415) 437-8782

Region X (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Chisato Kawabori, Regional Administrator,
Blanchard Plaza, MS-RX-33; Room 1202,
2201 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
98121-1828, (206) 615-2298, FAX (206)
615-2305

Appendix B

Older Americans Act—Section 614(a)—No grant may be made under this part unless the eligible tribal organization submits an application to the Assistant Secretary which meets such criteria as the Assistant Secretary may by regulation prescribe. Each such application shall—

(1) Provide that the eligible tribal organization will evaluate the need for supportive and nutrition services among older Indians to be represented by the tribal organizations;

(2) Provide for the use of such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the program to be assisted;

(3) Provide that the tribal organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to assure the correctness of such reports;

(4) Provide for periodic evaluation of activities and projects carried out under the application;

(5) Establish objectives consistent with the purposes of this part toward which activities under the application will be directed, identify obstacles to the attainment of such objectives, and indicate the manner in which the tribal organization proposes to overcome such obstacles;

(6) Provide for establishing and maintaining information and assistance services to assure that older Indians to be served by the assistance made available under this part will have reasonably convenient access to such services;

(7) Provide a preference for Indians aged 60 and older for full or part-time staff positions whenever feasible;

(8) Provide assistance that either directly or by way of grant or contract with appropriate entities nutrition services will be delivered to older Indians represented by the tribal organization substantially in compliance with the provisions of part C of title III, except that in any case in which the need for nutritional services for older Indians represented by the tribal organization is already met from other sources, the tribal organization may use the funds otherwise required to be expended under this clause for supportive services;

(9) Contain assurance that the provision of sections 307(a)(14)(A) (i) and (iii), 307(a)(14)(B), and 307(a)(14)(C) will be complied with whenever the application contains provisions for the acquisition, alteration, or renovation of facilities to serve as multipurpose senior centers;

(10) Provide that any legal or ombudsman services made available to older Indians represented by the tribal organization will be substantially in compliance with the provisions of title III relating to the furnishing of similar services; and

(11) Provide satisfactory assurance that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this part to the tribal organization, including any funds paid by the tribal organization to a recipient of a grant or contract.

45 CFR 1326.19 * * * The application shall provide for: (d) Assurances as prescribed by the Assistant Secretary that:

(1) A tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who have attained 60 years of age or older;

(2) A tribal organization shall comply with all applicable State and local license and safety requirements for the provision of those services;

(3) If a substantial number of the older Indians residing in the service area are of limited English-speaking ability, the tribal organization shall utilize the services of workers who are fluent in the language spoken by a predominant number of older Indians;

(4) Procedures to ensure that all services under this part are provided without use of any means tests;

(5) A tribal organization shall comply with all requirements set forth in § 1326.7 through § 1326.17; and

(6) The services provided under this part will be coordinated, where applicable, with services provided under title III of the Act.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Service

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements Grantees Other Than Individuals

By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

This certification is required by regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart F. The regulations, published in the May 25, 1990 **Federal Register**, require certification by grantees that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determines to award the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HHS, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government-wide suspension or debarment.

Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or state highway department while in operation, state employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

If the workplace identified to HHS changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see above).

Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15).

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility

to determine violations of the federal or state criminal drug statute.

"Criminal drug statute" means a federal or non-federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance.

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including (i) all "in direct charge" employees; (ii) all "direct charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and, (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and, (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, of every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working unless the federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and

including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or, (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f). The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant (use attachments, if needed):

Place of Performance (Street Address, City, County, State, Zip Code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.635(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for state-wide and state agency-wide certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central receipt point is: Grants Management Division; 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4256-Cohen; Washington, D.C. 20201
 Signature _____
 Date _____
 Title _____
 Organization _____
 DGMO Form #2 Revised May 1990

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions

By signing and submitting this proposal, the applicant, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that its principals involved:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against the principal for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The inability of a person to provide the certification required above will not necessarily result in denial of participation

for this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

The prospective primary participant agrees that by submitting this proposal, it will include the clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions", provided below, without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered actions.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusions—Lower Tier Covered Transactions (To be supplied to Lower Tier Participants)

By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal, the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

(b) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation of this proposal.

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusions—Lower Tier Covered Transactions" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Signature _____
 Date _____
 Title _____
 Organization _____

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, And Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Organization _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Note: If Disclosure Forms are required, please contact: Margaret A. Tolson, Director; Grants Management Division, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4256-Cohen; Washington, DC 20201-0001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Peer Review Meeting of the Draft Research Protocol of the Full Ensemble Fire Testing of Fire Fighters' Protective Clothing and Equipment

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Peer Review meeting on the NIOSH-funded study by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) entitled: "Full Ensemble Fire Testing of Fire Fighters' Protective Clothing and Equipment."

Time and Date: 8 a.m.—5 p.m., December 2, 1998.

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