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Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists, State Public Health Lab, Medical Assistant, Doctor's Office/Hospital.	<i>CDC Specimen Submission 50.34 Form.</i>	2,098	12	5/60
Medical Assistant, Doctor's Office/Hospital	<i>Global File Accessioning Template.</i>	15	11	20/60

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of a Single-Source Cooperative Agreement To Fund icddr,b (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the award of approximately \$6,000,000, for Year 1 funding to icddr,b. The award will support high quality public health research and surveillance activities to further strengthen the ability of the Government of Bangladesh and other global partners to detect, prevent, and respond to disease threats. Funding amounts for years 2-5 will be set at continuation.

DATES: The period for this award will be September 30, 2024 through September 29, 2029.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The single-source award will support high quality public health and implementation science research that will guide stakeholders to prioritize resources, develop policies, and implement practices and interventions that will help mitigate the impact of health threats on the Bangladeshi

population and globally. icddr,b is in a unique position to conduct this work, as it is the only non-diplomatic partner that CDC is aware of that has the legal authority and operational expertise to process the import of laboratory supplies and reagents, including time sensitive reagents. Surveillance activities contemplated under this award detect and isolate high-consequence pathogens whose handling and storage require advanced biocontainment skills and capacity. icddr,b's clinical microbiology laboratory meets the international standards of quality and is ISO 15189-2012 accredited and the institute has a strong and active institutional biosafety committee and Senior Biosafety Officer. icddr,b is the most biosafety capable institution in the country to execute critical ongoing studies on pathogens having pandemic potential such as Nipah virus, the testing of human, avian and bovine surveillance samples with unknown etiology, and studies of *C. auris* and influenza. To CDC's knowledge, icddr,b is the only institution in Bangladesh with the capability to handle such pathogens according to international biosecurity standards. Furthermore, icddr,b has agreements with major biomedical transportation organizations and maintains a material transfer agreement (MTA) with CDC for the shipping of swabs, blood, serum and DNA.

Summary of the Award

Recipient: icddr,b (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh).

Purpose of the Award: The purpose of this award is to further strengthen the ability of the Government of Bangladesh and other global partners to detect, prevent, and respond to disease threats through high quality public health research and surveillance activities. Specifically, the individual activities under this cooperative agreement will: (a) determine burden, trends, etiology, and risk factors of priority diseases in Bangladesh, (b) develop and evaluate interventions and diagnostics, (c) evaluate the effectiveness of

vaccinations to inform global policy, and (d) strengthen the Government of Bangladesh's surveillance, laboratory, and outbreak response capacity.

Amount of Award: The approximate year 1 funding amount will be \$6,000,000 in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funds, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2-5 will be set at continuation.

Authority: This program is authorized under section 301(a) of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 241(a)], as amended and section 307 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 242].

Period of Performance: September 30, 2024 through September 29, 2029.

Dated: August 22, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our