

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Project Proposal**

EEOICPA Dose Reconstruction Interviews and Forms, OMB No. 0920-0530—Extension—The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

*Background and Brief Description*

On October 30, 2000, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-398) was enacted. This Act established a federal compensation program for employees of the Department of Energy (DOE) and certain of its contractors, subcontractors and vendors, who have suffered cancers and other designated illnesses as a result of

exposures sustained in the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

Executive Order 13179, issued on December 7, 2000, delegated authorities assigned to "the President" under the Act to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Energy and Justice. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was delegated the responsibility of establishing methods for estimating radiation doses received by eligible claimants with cancer applying for compensation. NIOSH is applying the following methods to estimate the radiation doses of individuals applying for compensation.

In performance of its dose reconstruction responsibilities, under the Act, NIOSH is interviewing claimants (or their survivors) individually and providing them with the opportunity to assist NIOSH in documenting the work history of the employee by characterizing the actual work tasks performed. In addition, NIOSH and the claimant identify incidents that may have resulted in undocumented radiation exposures, characterizing radiological protection and monitoring practices, and identify co-workers and other witnesses as may be necessary to confirm undocumented information. In this process, NIOSH uses a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system, which allows interviews to be conducted more

efficiently and quickly as opposed to a paper-based interview instrument.

NIOSH uses the data collected in this process to complete an individual dose reconstruction that accounts, as fully as possible, for the radiation dose incurred by the employee in the line of duty for DOE nuclear weapons production programs. After dose reconstruction, NIOSH also performs a brief final interview with the claimant to explain the results and to allow the claimant to confirm or question the records NIOSH has compiled. This will also be the final opportunity for the claimant to supplement the dose reconstruction record.

At the conclusion of the dose reconstruction process, the claimant submits a form to confirm that all the information available to the claimant has been provided. The form notifies the claimant that signing the form allows NIOSH to forward a dose reconstruction report to DOL and to the claimant, and closes the record on data used for the dose reconstruction. Signing this form does not indicate that the claimant agrees with the outcome of the dose reconstruction. The dose reconstruction results will be supplied to the claimant and to the DOL, the agency that will factor them into its determination of whether the claimant is eligible for compensation under the Act.

There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (hours)
Initial interview .....	4,200	1	1	4,200
Conclusion form .....	8,400	1	5/60	700
Total .....				4,900

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control**

Special Emphasis Panel: Occupational Health and Safety Research, Program Announcement #04038

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 meeting:  
**NAME:** Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Occupational Health and Safety Research, Program Announcement #04038.

**TIMES AND DATES:** 3 p.m.–4 p.m., April 29, 2005 (Closed).

**PLACE:** Teleconference.

**STATUS:** 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:** The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Occupational Health and Safety Research, Program Announcement #04038.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pamela J. Wilkerson, MPA, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS-E74, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone 404-498-2556.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 5, 2005.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Administration for Children and Families**

#### **Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Head Start Bureau**

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Head Start Tribally Controlled Land Grant College and University Partnerships.

*Announcement Type:* Initial—Grant.  
*Funding Opportunity Number:* HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-YT-0012.

*CFDA Number:* 93.600.

*Due Date For Letter of Intent or Preapplications:* Letter of intent is due May 13, 2005.

*Due Date for Applications:* Application is due June 13, 2005.

*Executive Summary:* The Head Start Bureau is announcing the availability of funds and requesting applications for professional development and training grants for Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities (TCUs). These grants are provided in partnership with Head Start and Early Head Start programs to improve staff training and to thereby enhance services to Head Start and Early Head Start children and families.

Through this announcement, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is making available up to \$1,500,000 annually for each of five years to support Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities (TCUs) partnerships. These partnerships seek to increase the number of Head Start teachers with degrees in early childhood education, in order to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

#### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

The overall goal of Head Start is to ensure that children of low-income families acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to allow them to

enter school ready for success. In order to accomplish this goal, Head Start provides comprehensive services to these children and their families. Head Start enhances children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development. It aids parents in their efforts to fulfill their parental roles as their child's primary educator, helps support them while they work towards employment and self-sufficiency, and provides opportunities for their involvement in administering the Head Start program.

In an attempt to ensure that highly qualified and well-trained staff provides high quality services to enrolled children and their families, Head Start has supported many demonstration projects. For example, Head Start supported the creation of the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential designed for early childhood development teaching staff, implemented the Head Start Teaching Centers, and developed other related innovative projects. The Head Start Bureau also implemented partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Higher Education Hispanic Service Institution Partnerships (HS-HEHSIPs) in addition to key innovative training and staff development projects.

The 1998 reauthorization of the Head Start Act contains provisions to improve Head Start program quality and accountability. These include new education performance standards and measures, the expansion of program monitoring to incorporate evidence of progress on outcomes-based measures, funding to upgrade program quality and staff compensation, and higher education standards for Head Start teachers. In January 2001, the President signed into law the *No Child Left Behind Act* to make the education of every child in America one of the country's top priorities. The Act seeks to ensure that public schools teach children what they need to know to be successful in life and that they also set high education standards in the classroom. In his 2002 State of the Union address, the President indicated the need to prepare our children to read and succeed in school, including the improvement of Head Start and early childhood development programs. In response to these goals, the White House has developed an early childhood initiative, which is built on raising the bar for Head Start education methods to create a better learning environment and improved outcomes for children. In his announcement of the Good Start, Grow Smart Early Childhood Initiative in April 2002, the

President identified children's early literacy as a key focus for Head Start program improvement. In this initiative, the President presented three areas of focus for Head Start: (1) Strengthening Head Start programs; (2) partnering with states to improve early childhood education; and (3) providing information to teachers, caregivers, and parents.

The Head Start Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 9831 *et seq.*, is the authorizing legislation for the Head Start TCU program. The key purpose in funding the TCU program is to increase the number of Head Start staff with college degrees in early childhood education. To ensure that selected colleges and universities will be able to fulfill this task it is important that TCUs applying for funds under this announcement clearly demonstrate that they have established relationships with the Head Start programs in their community and that these Head Start programs have indicated their willingness to work collaboratively with the institution.

#### *Priority Area*

Head Start Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities Partnerships

1. *Description:* The Head Start Bureau is announcing the availability of funds and request for applications for professional development and training grants for Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in partnership with Head Start and Early Head Start programs to improve staff training and to thereby enhance services to Head Start and Early Head Start children and families.

Through this announcement, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is making available up to \$1,500,000 annually for each of five years to support Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities (TCUs) partnerships. These partnerships seek to increase the number of Head Start classroom teaching staff with BA degrees in early childhood education in order to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

#### **II. Award Information**

*Funding Instrument Type:* Grant.  
*Anticipated Total Priority Area Funding:* \$1,500,000 per budget period.  
*Anticipated Number of Awards:* 6 to 10.

*Ceiling on Amount of Individual Awards Per Budget Period:* \$150,000 per budget period.

*Floor on Amount of Individual Awards Per Budget Period:* None.