

that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 19, 1997.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Union Illinois Company*, Swansea, Illinois; to acquire Missouri PayDay Loan Company, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Missouri Budget Inc. (dba Missouri PayDay Loan/Budget Finance), St. Louis, Missouri, and Budget Finance, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby engage in the extension of consumer credit, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 29, 1997.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Establishment of the Governmentwide Policy Advisory Board

*Establishment of advisory board.* This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and advises of the establishment of the GSA Governmentwide Policy Advisory Board. The Administrator of General Services has determined that the establishment of the Board is in the public interest.

*Purpose of the advisory board.* The Board will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the acquisition, management and disposal of governmentwide assets within GSA's areas of responsibility. Such assets

include, motor vehicles, aircraft, real property, and personal property. In addition, the Board will provide advice regarding policies and guidance on such issues as the deployment of smart card technologies, electronic commerce, information technology, public participation, and intergovernmental coordination.

*Contact for information:* The Office of Governmentwide Policy is the organization within GSA that is sponsoring this board. For additional information, contact Michael Neff, Committee Management Secretariat (MC), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405; telephone (202) 273-5364.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

**David J. Barram,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement 748]

### Cooperative Agreements to Conduct Studies of Illnesses Among Persian Gulf War Veterans; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1997

#### Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds for a cooperative agreement to conduct studies of illnesses among Persian Gulf War (PGW) veterans.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Environmental Health. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000" see the section **WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**)

#### Authority

This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, section 301 (42 USC 241).

#### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include all nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Thus, State and local health departments, State and local governmental agencies, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals,

other public and private non-profit organizations, including small, minority and/or woman-owned businesses are eligible to apply.

**Note:** An organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which engages in lobbying activities shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, contract, loan, or any other form.

Applications will be considered for funding to conduct studies in one or more programmatic interest areas. Applicants interested in conducting more than one study must submit a separate application for each. If a single study addresses more than one programmatic interest area, only one should be identified as the primary interest area. The programmatic interest area should be clearly indicated for each study.

#### Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products and Pub. L. 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

#### Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1.2 million will be available in FY 1997 to fund up to two cooperative agreements. It is expected that the average award will be up to \$600,000 (direct and indirect costs). It is expected the award will begin on or about September 1, 1997, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. The funding estimate is subject to change based on the availability of funds.

Applications which request more than the \$600,000 per year cap will be returned to the applicant as non-responsive.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Applicants may enter into contracts, including consortia agreements (as set forth in the PHS Grants Policy Statement) as necessary to meet the requirements of the program and strengthen the overall application.

#### Use of Funds

##### Restrictions on Lobbying

Applicants should be aware of restrictions on the use of HHS funds for lobbying of Federal or State legislative