

encouraged to use an existing program review panel, such as the one created by the State health department's HIV/AIDS prevention program. If the recipient forms its own program review panel, at least one member must be an employee (or designated representative) of a State or local health department. The names of the review panel members must be listed on the Assurance of Compliance for CDC 0.1113, which is also included in the application kit. The recipient must submit the program review panel's report that indicates all materials have been reviewed and approved.

Application Submission and Deadlines

Preapplication Letter of Intent

A nonbinding letter of intent-to-apply is required from potential applicants. An original and two copies of the letter should be submitted to the Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, CDC (see Applications for the address). It should be postmarked no later than July 15, 1997. The letter should identify the announcement number, name of principal investigator, and specify the activity(ies) to be addressed by the proposed project. The letter of intent does not influence review or funding decisions, but it will enable CDC to plan the review more efficiently, and will ensure that each applicant receives timely and relevant information before the application is submitted. Notification may be provided by facsimile or postal mail to Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 305, Mailstop E-18, Atlanta, GA 30305, facsimile (404) 842-6513.

Application

An original and two copies of the application PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) must be submitted to Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 305, Mail Stop E-18, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before August 15, 1997.

1. **Deadline:** Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(b) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the objective review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private

metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

2. **Late Applications:** Applications that do not meet the criteria in 1.(a) or 1.(b) above are considered late applications. Late applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information, call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address, and telephone number. Please refer to Announcement #774. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures and application forms. If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from Gladys T. Gissentanna, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 314, Mail Stop E-18, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6801.

Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Christine Galavotti, Ph.D., Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4700 Buford Highway, NE., Mail Stop K-34, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (770) 488-5245. The announcement will also be available on one of two Internet sites on the publication date: CDC's homepage at <<http://www.cdc.gov>>, or at the Government Printing Office homepage (including free access to the **Federal Register**) at <<http://www.access.gpo.gov>>. Other CDC Announcements are also listed on the Internet on the CDC homepage.

Please refer to Announcement Number 774 when requesting information and submitting an application.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000, (Full Report, Stock No.017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000, (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) referenced in the "Introduction," through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

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Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Goals for Working Safely With *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Clinical, Public Health, and Research Laboratories; Amendment To Extend Comment Period

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

ACTION: Extension of request for comments.

A notice requesting comments from all interested parties concerning goals for working safely with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in clinical, public health, and research laboratories was published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 1997 (62 FR 23066).

This notice is amended as follows: On page 23066, first column, under the heading **DATES**, line 8, the date for submitting written comments to this notice has been extended from June 27, 1997, to July 27, 1997.

All other information and requirements of the April 28, 1997, **Federal Register** notice remain the same.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HSQ-243-N]

Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 Continuation of Exemption of Laboratories Licensed by the State of Washington

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.