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GENERAL MEMORANDUM 09-152

IHS Methamphetamine/Suicide Prevention Initiative for Urban Indian Programs

The Indian Health Service is soliciting applications, via the attached December 8, 2009, FEDERAL REGISTER notice, for grants for programs to prevent methamphetamine use and suicide. The only eligible applicants are urban Indian organizations who operate programs under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The purpose of the initiative is to expand community access to urban American Indian/Alaska Native methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention and treatment programs. Among the requirements is the development of three-year action plans that illustrate how access to these community-based services will be increased. Grantees must use the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) and the RPMS behavioral health module or IHS Electronic Health Record – if that is not possible, the grantee must demonstrate how it will meet data collection requirements.

The methamphetamine/suicide prevention grants will be awarded for a three-year period, with \$1,103,000 being available for each of fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012. The Indian Health Service expects to make five awards. The deadline for receipt of applications is *January 5, 2010*.

The attached notice contains detailed information regarding the application process and provides program contact information.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information or assistance regarding the methamphetamine/suicide prevention grants.

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Inquiries may be directed to:
Karen Funk (kfunk@hobbsstrauss.com)

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflict: Inflammation, Hypersensitivity, Autoimmunity, Tolerance, and Transplantation and Tumor Immunity.

Date: December 15, 2009.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Jian Wang, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4095D, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2778, wangjia@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: December 2, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center For Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Virology.

Date: January 6, 2010.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Liangbiao Zheng, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3214, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-5671, zhengli@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Clinical Cardiovascular Studies 09A.

Date: January 7, 2010.

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Joseph Thomas Peterson, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-443-8130.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Office of Clinical and Preventive Services; Division of Behavioral Health; the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative for American Indian and Alaska Native Urban Programs

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Announcement Number: HHS-2010-IHS-METHU-0001.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number(s): 93.933.

KEY DATES: *Application Deadline Date:* January 5, 2010. *Review Date:* January 12-13, 2010. *Earliest Anticipated Start Date:* February 1, 2010.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces competitive grant applications for the Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Urban Program communities. This program is authorized under the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. 13, as amended, and Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), 25 U.S.C. 1653(e). This program is described at 93.933 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. The purpose of the Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative for AI/AN

Urban Programs (MSPI-U) is to expand community-level access to effective, urban AI/AN methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention and treatment programs. Resources will enhance evidence-based or practice-based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment programs and/or community mobilization programs. The methamphetamine and suicide prevention or treatment funding will be used to:

- Provide community-focused responses that enhance evidence-based or practice based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment services or education programming.
- Coordinate services for communities to respond to their local methamphetamine and/or suicide crises.
- Participate in a nationally coordinated program focusing specifically on increasing access to methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment related activities among the Federal partners, Areas, Tribes, States, and academic or not-for-profit programs.
- Provide communities with needed resources to develop their own community-focused programs with preference for coordinated programming that maximizes the impact across communities and Tribal groups.
- Establish baseline data information related to methamphetamine abuse/suicides in the local communities.
- Adequately document the level of need for the community.
- Promote programs that will ensure measurable impact.
- Awardees' activities for this program are as follows:
 - Develop a three (3) year action plan. Applicants must document how their methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment activities will be implemented as soon as possible but no later than six (6) months after award. The remainder of Year One, Year Two, and Year Three will focus on implementation. The primary intent of the action plan should be to illustrate how the applicant will enhance community access to or support community delivery of evidence-based or practice-based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment services. The action plan should describe the project implementation process. The action plan should include objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-phased. Objectives should demonstrate adherence to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), where applicable. The implementation process may be guided

by a community action organization, collaboration, or a group of partners to plan and implement a community-wide methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment project. If such partnerships or collaborations are already in place, provide a description of how they intend to expand their scope to include the implementation of the methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment project. Relevant partnerships working closely with and developing collaborations for the MSPI-U may include smaller urban organizations which combine their resources to implement this project. "Relevant partnerships" can be defined as developing cooperative agreements and/or Memoranda of Agreement that clearly define how the collaboration will be conducted.

- Collaborations may also include other partners to share resources and information that could strengthen the program.
- The action plan should focus on developing or enhancing and implementing community-based, evidence or practice-based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment strategies. The action plan for the community prevention or treatment program should include the proposed best and promising practices being implemented, identify information sharing processes, and define and identify interactive group activities, data collection (i.e. Resource and Patient Management System), evaluation, and ongoing quality assurance improvement processes. The project should include culturally appropriate behavioral, policy, and community approaches to methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment.

- Applicants must attend one (1) mandatory MSPI-U grantee meeting per year. The budget submitted should reflect travel costs for the project director and the local evaluator to attend this meeting. Location (city/hotel) and time frame for this meeting will be provided after award; however the meeting will generally last two to three days and attendance is mandatory. At these meetings, grantees will present the results of their projects and Federal staff will be available to provide technical assistance.

- Applicants must participate in a national evaluation of this project. Each grantee shall coordinate with their national MSPI project officer. The grantee shall work with the IHS staff and national MSPI project officer to develop a local process to measure specific outcome measures as consistent with national GPRA measures and IHS

Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) program requirements.

- Up to a maximum of 20 percent of grant funds may be used to develop or enhance the grantee's local evaluation capacity for the purposes of meeting MSPI data collection requirements. All applicants will be required to employ the use of the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) and the RPMS behavioral health module or IHS Electronic Health Record. If the applicant is unable to utilize the RPMS as an information management system, the applicant should demonstrate within the application how they will satisfy the data collection requirements. Applicants will also be required to adhere to any and all GPRA requirements, where applicable.

- Other costs in conjunction with the evaluation of this project may include training (onsite and off-site), conference calls, and information sharing using e-mail and/or faxing materials.

- Applicants are expected to publicize their activities in the affected communities. The action plan may include:

- Identification of one to three environmental issues that community members have stated need to be addressed in order to promote the prevention and/or treatment of methamphetamine abuse and/or suicide. There should be some record that this has been identified as an issue that needs to be addressed. This may include local newspapers, Tribal Council meetings, Town Hall meetings, or radio programs.

- Community programs should inform their community about the program and its goals and the baseline data for the outcome indicators. The program should establish a time frame and setting to share their progress with the community. The settings could include regular programs on the radio station, monthly newspaper reports or newsletter mailings, or one or more graph or 'thermometer' type billboards or centrally placed posters that track progress.

- The action plan should include a community gathering that is held to close out the project with an accounting of the progress by indicators and dialogue about next steps.

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Grant.

Estimated Funds Available: The total amount identified for fiscal year (FY) 2010 is \$1,103,000; FY 2011 is \$1,103,000; FY 2012 is \$1,103,000. Grand total of \$3,306,000. The duration of these awards are for 12 months in each budget period. All awards issued

under this announcement are subject to the availability of these funds. In the absence of funding, the agency is not under any obligation to make awards selected for funding under this announcement.

Anticipated Number of Awards: IHS anticipates issuing five (5) awards under this announcement for FY 2010.

Project Period: Three (3) Years, and is subject to the availability of funds.

Award Amount: \$220,600, per year.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

- *Urban Indian organizations* that operate a Title V Urban Indian Health Program: this includes programs currently under a grant or contract with the IHS under Title V of the IHCIA.

The ICHIA, 25 U.S.C. 1603(e) defines an urban Indian organization as a non-profit corporate body situated in an urban center governed by an urban Indian controlled board of directors, and providing for maximum participation of all interested Indian groups and individuals, which body is capable of legally cooperating with other public and private entities for the purposes of performing the activities described in section 1653(e).

Eligibility is limited to the aforementioned applicants because they have the necessary knowledge of, experience, and capability/capacity to work within the urban AI/AN communities to perform the required activities.

Applicants must provide a letter of support from the board of the urban Indian organization. If there is insufficient time to procure such a letter of support prior to submitting the application, the letter must be submitted within six months after award. Place this documentation behind the first page of your application form.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

The MSPI does not require matching funds or cost sharing.

Other Requirements

A. If application budgets exceed the stated dollar amount that is outlined within this announcement, those applications will not be considered for funding.

B. The budget should include a budget narrative and justification for all cost outlined in the application for the budget period and should explain why each line item is necessary or relevant to the proposed project.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Applicant packages may be found at the Grants.gov Web site (<http://www.grants.gov>), or for a link to the package information go to the Grants Policy Staff Web site at http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/gogp_funding.asp. Information regarding the electronic application process may be directed to Tammy G. Bagley, at (301) 443-5402. The entire application package and detailed application instructions are available at <http://www.grants.gov/index.jsp>.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

a. You must submit a project narrative with your application package. The project narrative must be submitted in the following format:

- *Maximum number of pages:* 25. If your narrative exceeds the page limit, only the first pages which are within the page limit will be reviewed.
- *Font size:* 12 point un-reduced.
- *Single spaced.*
- *8½" x 11" paper.*
- *Page margin size:* One inch.

Your narrative should address activities to be conducted over the entire project period. You must use the sections/headings listed below in developing your project narrative. Be sure to place the required information in the correct section, or it will not be considered. Your application will be scored according to how well you address the requirements for each section of the project narrative. Your project narrative must include the following items in the order listed:

- *Statement of Need.*
- Describe the target population as well as the geographic area to be served, and justify the selection of both. Include the numbers to be served and demographic information. Discuss the target population's language, beliefs, norms and values, as well as socioeconomic factors that must be considered in services to this population.
- Show that identified needs are consistent with priorities of the Tribes, State, or county that has primary responsibility for the service delivery system.
- Describe the local resource organizations in the community.
- *Project Plan.*
- Clearly state the purpose, goals and objectives of your proposed project and how it addresses the target population and the geographic area being served.
- Describe how the project is to be implemented, including the roles of staff to be hired.

- Provide a realistic timeline for the project (chart or graph) showing key activities, milestones, and responsible staff. [**Note:** The timeline should be part of the project narrative. It should not be placed in an appendix.]

- If you plan to include an advisory body in your project, describe its membership, roles and functions, and frequency of meetings.

- Describe how members of the target population help prepare the application and how they will help plan, implement, and evaluate the project.

- Identify any other organizations that will participate in the proposed project. Describe their roles and responsibilities and demonstrate their commitment to the project. Include letters of commitment from community organizations supporting the project in the appendix.

- Show that the necessary groundwork (e.g., planning, consensus development, development of memoranda of agreement) has been completed or is near completion so that the project can be implemented, and any prevention or treatment interventions can begin as soon as possible but no later than six (6) months after grant award.

- Describe any potential barriers to successful conduct of the proposed project and how you will overcome them.

- Describe your plan to ensure project sustainability when funding for this project ends. Also describe how program continuity will be maintained when there is a change in the operational environment (e.g., staff turnover, change in project leadership) to ensure stability over time.

- *Organizational Capacity.*
- Discuss the capability and experience of the applicant organization and other participating organizations with the target population. Provide Memoranda of Understanding or Letters of Agreement specifically for the proposed project from participating organizations in the appendix.

- Describe existing community infrastructure that addresses transitional/discharge or aftercare treatment.

- Provide a list of staff and position descriptions for those who will participate in the project, showing the role of each and their level of effort and qualifications. Include the project director and other key personnel, such as the local evaluator and prevention or treatment personnel.

- Describe the cultural characteristics of key staff and indicate if any are members of the target population/ community.

- Describe the resources available for the proposed project (e.g., facilities, equipment), and provide evidence that services will be provided in a location that is adequate, accessible, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and amenable to the target population.

- Describe evidence of successful program management experience (see Criteria for more detail).

- Describe experience with other Federal, State, or private grants.

- Describe data collection experience and capacity for data storage. Clearly describe the project's information management system capabilities and history of its use (if any). Describe any plans to utilize the RPMS information management system with the implementation of this project. If applicant currently utilizes an alternate information management system or is unable to utilize RPMS as an information management system, the applicant should demonstrate within the application how they plan to satisfy the data collection requirements.

- *Local Evaluation Capacity.*

- Grantees must evaluate their projects and are required to describe their evaluation plans in their applications. The evaluation should be designed to provide regular feedback to the project to improve services. The evaluation must include both process and outcome components. Process and outcome evaluations must measure change relating to project goals and objectives over time compared to baseline information. Describe evaluation experience with current or past community projects.

- State willingness to work with IHS evaluation consultant(s) in developing community-specific outcome measures for the local and national evaluation.

- Demonstrate evidence of having secured or plans to secure a qualified local evaluation consultant and/or part-time employee to conduct data collection and data entry (e.g., resume, position description).

- Describe plans for data collection, management, analysis, interpretation and reporting. Describe the existing approach to the collection of data, along with any necessary modifications. Be sure to include data collection instruments/interview protocols in an appendix format.

- Demonstrate how the evaluation will be integrated with requirements for collection and reporting of performance data (e.g. RPMS and GPRA indicators, performance measures). *Explain:* How you will ensure privacy and confidentiality? Where data will be stored? Who will or will not have access

to information and how the identity of participants will be kept private, for example, through the use of a coding system on data records, limiting access to records, or storing identifiers separately from data? Describe adequate consent procedures.

- Applicants must consider their evaluation plans when preparing the project budget. No more than 20% of the total grant award may be used for evaluation and data collection (this is not a research grant).

The evaluation must include both process and outcome components. Process and outcome evaluations must measure change relating to project goals and objectives over time compared to baseline information. Control or comparison groups are not required.

Process components should address issues such as:

- How closely did the implementation match the plan?
- What types of deviation from the plan occurred?

- What led to the deviations?
- What effect did the deviations have on the planned intervention and evaluation?
- Who (program, staff) provided what services (modality, type, intensity, duration), to whom (individual characteristics), in what context (system, community), and at what cost (facilities, personnel, dollars)?

Outcome components should address issues such as:

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Outcome measure # 1: The proportion of methamphetamine-using patients who enter a methamphetamine treatment program.	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.
Outcome measure # 2: Reduce the incidence of suicidal activities (ideation, attempts) in AI/AN communities through prevention, training, surveillance, & intervention programs.	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.
Outcome measure # 3: Reduce the incidence of methamphetamine abuse in AI/AN communities through prevention, training, surveillance, & intervention programs.	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.
Outcome measure # 4: The proportion of youth who participate in evidence-based and/or promising practice prevention or intervention programs.	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.
Output measures # 5: Establishment of trained suicide crisis response teams	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.
Output measure # 6: Increase tele-behavioral health encounters	N/A	Baseline	Baseline.

- Budget Justification (will not be counted in the stated page limit). You must provide a narrative justification of the items included in your proposed budget, as well as a description of existing resources and other support you expect to receive for the proposed project. Be sure to show that no more than 20% of the total grant award will be used for data collection and evaluation.

Additional information shall be included in the application appendices. The appendices will not be counted toward the narrative page limit. This additional information includes:

- Position descriptions for key personnel including local evaluator and data collection/data entry employees. If the evaluator will be subcontracted, include a letter of commitment with a current biographical sketch from the individual(s). Job descriptions should be no longer than one page each.
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume of key personnel (project director, evaluator (if identified)). Resumes should be no longer than two (2) pages in length.
- Applicants must provide a letter of support from the board of the urban Indian organization.

You are required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government. The DUNS number

is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com> or call (866) 705-5711. For more information, see the IHS Web site at: <http://www.ihs.gov/od/pgo/funding/pubcommnt.htm>.

If your application form does not have a DUNS number field, please write your DUNS number at the top of the first page of your application, and/or include your DUNS number in your application cover letter.

3. Submission Dates and Times

Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 12 midnight Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.) on the application deadline due date. If technical challenges arise and the applicant is unable to successfully complete the electronic application process, the applicant should contact Grants Policy Staff at (301) 443-5402 at least fifteen days prior to the application deadline and advise of the difficulties that your organization is experiencing. The grantee must obtain prior approval, in writing (e-mails are acceptable) allowing the paper submission. If submission of a paper application is requested and approved, the original and two copies may be sent to the

Division of Grants Operations (DGO), 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5204 by 12 midnight E.S.T. on the application deadline date. Applications not submitted through Grants.gov, without an approved waiver, may be returned to the applicant without review or consideration. Late applications will not be accepted for processing. They will be returned to the applicant and will not be considered for funding.

4. Intergovernmental Review

Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review is not applicable to this program.

5. Funding Restrictions

- Pre-award costs are allowable pending prior approval from the awarding agency. However, in accordance with 45 CFR Part 74 all pre-award costs are incurred at the recipient's risk. The awarding office is under no obligation to reimburse such costs if for any reason the applicant does not receive an award or if the award to the recipient is less than anticipated.

- The available funds are inclusive of direct and appropriate indirect costs.
- IHS will not acknowledge receipt of applications.

6. Other Submission Requirements

Electronic Submission—The preferred method for receipt of applications is electronic submission through Grants.gov. However, should any technical challenges arise regarding the submission, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at (800) 518-4726 or support@grants.gov. The Contact Center hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is closed on all Federal holidays. The applicant must seek assistance at least fifteen days prior to the application deadline. Applicants that do not adhere to the timelines for Central Contractor Registry (CCR) and/or Grants.gov registration and/or requesting timely assistance with technical issues will not be a candidate for paper applications.

To submit an application electronically, please use the <http://www.Grants.gov> and select "Apply for Grants" link on the home page. Download a copy of the application package on the Grants.gov Web site, complete it offline and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to IHS.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Under the new IHS application submission requirements, paper applications are not the preferred method. However, if you have technical problems submitting your application online, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at: <http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport>.

- Upon contacting Grants.gov, obtain a tracking number as proof of contact. The tracking number is helpful if there are technical issues that cannot be resolved and a waiver request from Grants Policy must be obtained.

- If it is determined that a formal waiver is necessary, the applicant must submit a request, in writing (e-mails are acceptable), to Michelle.Bulls@ihs.gov that includes a justification for the need to deviate from the standard electronic submission process. Upon receipt of approval, a hard copy application package must be downloaded by the applicant from Grants.gov, and sent directly to the DGO, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20852 on or before 12 midnight of the application deadline date.

- Upon entering the Grants.gov site, there is information available that outlines the requirements to the applicant regarding electronic submission of an application through Grants.gov, as well as the hours of operation. We strongly encourage all applicants not to wait until the deadline

date to begin the application process through Grants.gov as the registration process for CCR and Grants.gov could take up to fifteen working days.

- To use Grants.gov, you, as the applicant, must have a DUNS Number and register in the CCR. You should allow a minimum of ten days working days to complete CCR registration. See below for more information on how to apply.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the SF-424 and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Please use the optional attachment feature in Grants.gov to attach additional documentation that may be requested by IHS.

- Your application must comply with any page limitation requirements described in the program announcement.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. The DGO will download your application from Grants.gov and provide necessary copies to the program office. The DGO will not notify applicants that the application has been received.

- You may access the electronic application for this program on <http://www.Grants.gov>.

- You may search for the downloadable application package using either the CFDA number or the Funding Opportunity Number. Both numbers are identified in the heading of this announcement.

- The applicant must provide the Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2010-IHS-METHU-0001.

E-mail applications will not be accepted under this announcement.

DUNS Number

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Applications submitted electronically must also be registered with the CCR. A DUNS number is required before CCR registration can be completed. Many organizations may already have a DUNS number. Please use the number listed

above to investigate whether or not your organization has a DUNS number. Registration with the CCR is free of charge.

Applicants may register by calling (888) 227-2423. Please review and complete the CCR Registration Worksheet located on <http://www.grants.gov/CCRRegister>.

More detailed information regarding these registration processes can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>.

V. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the "Purpose" section of this announcement. Measures must be objective, qualitative and quantitative, and must measure the intended process and outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

Your application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Project Plan (30) Points

- Comprehensively describe the proposed three (3) year project—5 points.

- Comprehensively describe the project's objectives and activities—5 Points.

- Include a timeline of activities. Is the timeline provided comprehensive—5 Points.

- Comprehensively describe and identify potential problem areas or barriers and propose solutions—5 Points.

- Provide community focused responses that enhance evidence-based or practice-based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment services or education programming—5 Points.

- Provide communities with needed resources to develop their own community-focused programs with preference for coordinated programming that maximizes the impact across communities and Tribal groups—5 Points.

Statement of Need (15) Points

- Provide an adequate baseline picture of the community—5 Points.

- Provide a good description and justification for the identified project target population—10 points.

Organizational Capacity (20) Points

- Describe the community infrastructure addressing methamphetamine and/or suicide treatment or prevention—10 Points.
- Comprehensively provide evidence of successful methamphetamine and/or suicide program management capability—5 Points.
- Adequately describe the project staffing, their expected tasks/roles, experience and training, and time commitment—5 Points.

Local Evaluation Capacity (25) Points

- Address applicable outcomes/output measures and how they relate to stated activities and objectives—10 Points.
- State a willingness to collaborate and submit data into the MSPI national evaluation process—2 Points.
- Demonstrate evidence of commitment to securing a qualified local evaluation/data collection/entry capacity. Provide documentation—5 Points.
- Demonstrate how the program will use a portion of awarded funds (not to exceed 20 percent) to develop or enhance funding recipients' local evaluation capacity—2 Points.
- Describe how the funding recipients will establish baseline data and information related to methamphetamine abuse/suicides in the local communities—2 Points.
- Demonstrate how the data collection and storage capacity adequately supports the program. If data collected is non-RPMS based, does the proposal describe how such data will be submitted to IHS/HQ—2 Points.
- Describe the local evaluation process in sufficient detail—2 Points.

National Evaluation Plan Capacity (10) Points

- State a willingness to participate in a nationally coordinated program focusing on increasing access to methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment related activities—5 Points.
- State a willingness to attend a minimum of one mandatory MSPI meeting per fiscal year—2 Points.
- State a willingness to participate in monthly/quarterly MSPI awardees conferences—3 Points.

2. Review and Selection Process

Each application will be reviewed by the DGO for eligibility, compliance with the announcement, and completeness. Incomplete applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants

will be notified that their application did not meet submission requirements.

Applications that meet eligibility requirements, are complete, and conform to this announcement will be subject to the competitive objective review and evaluation by an Ad Hoc Review Committee of Tribal, IHS, and other Federal or non-Federal reviewers. Applications will be reviewed against criteria. Reviewers will assign a numerical score to each application which will be used to rank applications. The review process will be directed by the DGO staff to ensure compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and IHS grant review guidelines.

In addition, the following factors may affect the funding decision:

- Geographic diversity.
- IHS will provide justification for any decision to fund out of rank order.

3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Awards may start on February 1, 2010.

VI. Award Administration Information**1. Award Notices**

The Notice of Award (NoA) will be initiated by the DGO and will be mailed via postal mail to each entity that is approved for funding under this announcement. The NoA will be signed by the Grants Management Officer, and this is the authorizing document for which funds are dispersed to the approved entities. The NoA will serve as the official notification of the grant award and will reflect the amount of Federal funds awarded, the purpose of the grant, the terms and conditions of the award, the effective date of the award, and the budget/project period. The NoA is the legally binding document. Applicants who are approved but unfunded or disapproved based on their Objective Review score will receive a copy of the Executive Summary which identifies the weaknesses and strengths of the application submitted.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Grants are administrated in accordance with the following documents:

- This Program Announcement.
- 45 CFR Part 92, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Tribal Governments," or 45 CFR Part 74, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Awards to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other

Nonprofit Organizations, and Commercial Organizations."

- HHS Grants Policy Statement, January 2007.
- OMB Circular A-87, "State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments," (Title 2 Part 225) or OMB Circular A-122, "Non-Profit Organizations" (Title 2 Part 230).
- OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" (Title 2 Part 30)

3. Indirect-Cost Requirements

This section applies to all grant recipients that request reimbursement of indirect costs in their grant application. In accordance with HHS Grants Policy Statement, Part II-27, IHS requires applicants to have a current indirect cost rate agreement in place prior to award. The rate agreement must be prepared in accordance with the applicable cost principles and guidance as provided by the agency or office. A current rate means the rate covering the applicable activities and the award budget period. If the current rate is not on file with the DGO at the time of award, the indirect cost portion of the budget will be restricted and not available to the recipient until the current rate is provided to the DGO.

Generally, indirect costs rates for IHS grantees are negotiated with the Division of Cost Allocation <http://rates.psc.gov/> and the Department of the Interior (National Business Center) <http://www.nbc.gov/acquisition/ics/icshome.html>. If your organization has questions regarding the indirect cost policy, please contact the DGO at (301) 443-5204.

4. Reporting

Progress Report. Semi-annual and annual reports are required. A format will be provided. These reports will include a brief comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period, or, if applicable, provide sound justification for the lack of progress, and other pertinent information as required. Copies of any materials developed shall be attached. Semi-annual progress reports must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the end of the half year. An annual report must be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the 12 month time period. Financial Status Report. Semi-annual financial status reports must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the half year. Final financial status reports are due within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period. Standard Form 269 (long form) will be used for financial reporting. Reports. Grantees are

responsible and accountable for accurate reporting of the Progress Reports and Financial Status Reports which are generally due semi-annually. Financial Status Reports (SF-269) are due 90 days after each budget period and the final SF-269 must be verified from the grantee records on how the value was derived. Grantees must submit reports by the due date that will be outlined in the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Failure to submit required reports within the time allowed may result in suspension or termination of an active grant, withholding of additional awards for the project, or other enforcement actions such as withholding of payments or converting to the reimbursement method of payment. Continued failure to submit required reports may result in one or both of the following: (1) The imposition of special award provisions; and (2) the non-funding or non-award of other eligible projects or activities. This applies whether the delinquency is attributable to the failure of the grantee organization or the individual responsible for preparation of the reports.

Telecommunication for the hearing impaired is available at: TTY (301) 443-6394.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

We encourage inquiries concerning this announcement.

For program technical assistance, contact: Bryan E. Wooden, LICSW, LCSW-C, DCSW, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Deputy Director, Division of Behavioral Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Reyes Building, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852. *Telephone:* (301) 443-2038. *E-mail:* bryan.wooden@ihs.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact:

Roscoe Brunson, Jr., 801 Thompson Ave, Reyes Bldg, Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20852. *Telephone:* (301) 443-5204. *E-mail:* Roscoe.Brunson@ihs.gov.

VIII. Other Information

This and other IHS funding opportunity announcements can be found on the IHS Web site, Internet address: <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/index.cfm>. Click on "Funding Opportunities" then identify the appropriate opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2009-0988]

Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces a Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) meeting and seeks applications to fill two vacancies on the GLPAC. GLPAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary on a wide range of issues related to pilotage on the Great Lakes, including the rules and regulations that govern the registration, operating requirements, and training policies for all U.S. registered pilots. The Committee also advises on matters related to ratemaking to determine the appropriate charge for pilot services on the Great Lakes.

DATES: GLPAC will meet on Thursday, January 21, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations or to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach us on or before January 7, 2010. Completed applications for GLPAC membership should reach us by January 7, 2010, but will be accepted until the positions are filled.

ADDRESSES: GLPAC will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, Room 51310. Send written material and requests relating to the GLPAC meeting to Mr. John Bobb (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Electronically submitted material must be in Adobe or Microsoft Word format. Send applications for GLPAC membership to Mr. Bobb. An application form for GLPAC membership, as well as this notice, is available in our online docket, USCG-2009-0988, at <http://www.regulations.gov>; enter the docket number for this notice (USCG-2009-0988) in the Search box, and click "Go." You may also contact Mr. Bobb for a copy of the application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Bobb, GLPAC Assistant Designated Federal Official (ADFO), Commandant (CG-54121), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Stop 7581, Washington, DC 20593-7581; telephone 202-372-1532, fax

202-372-1991, or e-mail at john.k.bobb@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GLPAC is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463). It was established under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 9307, and advises the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on Great Lakes pilot registration, operating requirements, training policies, and pilotage rates.

GLPAC meets at least once a year, normally at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Further information about GLPAC is available by searching on "Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee" at <http://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/>.

Notice of Meeting

GLPAC will hold a meeting at Coast Guard Headquarters on January 21, 2010.

The agenda includes the following:

(1) GLPAC review of public comments solicited by the Coast Guard in the **Federal Register** of July 21, 2009 ("Great Lakes Pilotage Ratemaking Methodology," 74 FR 35838), in accordance with requirements of 46 U.S.C. 9307(d) for consultation with GLPAC before taking any significant action relating to Great Lakes pilotage; and

(2) Appointment of seventh member in compliance with requirements of 46 U.S.C. 9307(b)(2)(E). Applications for this position were solicited in a **Federal Register** notice published August 26, 2009 (74 FR 43148) and will be accepted until the position is filled.

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. John Bobb (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) as soon as possible.

Request for Applications

One appointment will be made from applicants representing the interests of vessel operators that contract for Great Lake pilotage services. A second member will be selected to represent shippers whose cargoes are transported through Great Lakes ports. To be eligible, applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes, and at least 5 years