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Cooperative Agreement to Support the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; Notice of Intent to Renew a Cooperative Agreement; RFA-FDA-CFSAN-02-04

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing its intention to accept and consider a single source application for the award of a cooperative agreement in fiscal year (FY) 2002 to the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) to support the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN), which is located on the University of Maryland campus in College Park, MD. An estimated amount of support in FY 2002 will be up to \$3 million per year (direct and indirect costs), with an additional 4 years of support. Competition is limited to UMCP because of the unique partnership between FDA and UMCP. The cooperative agreement will continue to allow for a more efficient use of research, education, and outreach resources which enhances overall public health by expanding and improving food safety and nutrition programs as well as other program areas that impact on public health policy.

DATES: Submit the application by [*insert date 45 days after date of publication in the Federal Register*]. If this date falls on a weekend, it will be extended to Monday; if this date falls on a holiday, it will be extended to the following workday.

ADDRESSES: The completed application should be submitted to Peggy Jones, Grants Management Officer, Division of Contracts and Procurement Management (HFA-520), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. If the application is either hand carried

or commercially delivered, it should be addressed to Peggy Jones, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 2129, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7160, FAX 301-827-7101, e-mail address: pjones1@oc.fda.gov.

The application forms are available either from Peggy Jones (see **ADDRESSES**) or by the Internet at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. NOTE: Do not send the application to the Center for Scientific Research (CSR), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the administrative and financial management aspects of this notice: Peggy Jones (see **ADDRESSES**).

Regarding the programmatic aspects: Christine L. Hileman, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-006), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-7153; e-mail: Chileman@CFSAN.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing its intention to accept and consider a single source application from UMCP for a cooperative agreement to support JIFSAN. FDA's authority to enter into grants and cooperative agreements is set out in section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241). FDA's research program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 93.103. Before entering into cooperative agreements, FDA carefully considers the benefits such agreements will provide to the public. This application is not subject to review under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (45 CFR part 100).

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all award recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to discourage the use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

FDA is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2010," a national effort to reduce morbidity and mortality and to improve quality of life. Applicants may obtain a paper copy of the "Healthy People 2010" objectives, volumes I and II, conference edition (B0074) for \$22 per set, by writing to the Office of Disease Prevention

and Health Promotion Communication Support Center (Center), P.O. Box 37366, Washington, DC 20013-7366. Each of the 28 chapters of "Healthy People 2010" is priced at \$2 per copy. Telephone orders can be placed to the Center on 301-468-5690. The Center also sells the complete conference edition in CD-ROM format (B0071) for \$5. This publication is available as well on the Internet at <http://health.gov/healthypeople>. Internet viewers should proceed to "Publications."

I. Background

Through a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FDA and UMCP, JIFSAN was established in April 1996. JIFSAN creates a partnership that allows for more efficient use of research, education, and outreach resources, thereby enhancing overall public health by expanding and improving food safety and nutrition programs as well as in other program areas that impact on public health policy. The primary focus of JIFSAN is food safety and nutrition, specifically as related to risk analysis, applied microbiology, natural toxins, chemical contaminants, animal health sciences, biotechnology and food composition and nutrition. JIFSAN also encompasses other program areas such as cosmetics, dietary supplements, and food labeling.

In the **Federal Register** of May 22, 1997 (62 FR 28049), FDA published a request for a single source application for a cooperative agreement to support JIFSAN. The application was reviewed and approved by an ad hoc panel of experts. The panel's approval recommendation was then approved by the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council in September 1997. FDA awarded the cooperative agreement to UMCP on September 30, 1997.

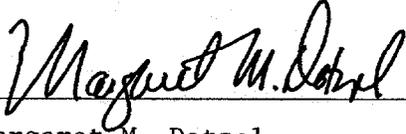
In the **Federal Register** of July 26, 1999 (64 FR 40380), FDA published a notice of its intention to noncompetitively supplement the cooperative agreement with UMCP. FDA awarded the noncompetitive supplement to the cooperative agreement with UMCP on September 29, 1999.

JIFSAN is a jointly administered, multidisciplinary research, education, and outreach program. Under the cooperative agreement, UMCP has established and staffed the JIFSAN at the UMCP campus. UMCP has established core facilities that enable FDA and the University to share resources, such as major laboratory instrumentation, and has initiated a mechanism to permit access

Information collection requirements requested on Form PHS 398 and the instructions have been submitted by PHS to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and were approved and assigned OMB control number 0925-001.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,
Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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