d. Will the unfixed Y2K problems affect a consumer reporting agency or third party's compliance with federal consumer credit protection statutes? If so, how?
e. Will the unfixed Y2K problems result in erroneous information being reported to or from third parties? What, if any, steps are being taken to avert such erroneous reporting? What, if any, steps are being taken to handle consumer complaints related to such erroneous reporting?

Retailers and Other Businesses Involved in Consumer Financial Services [20]

7.1 What types of computer or other automated systems (including cash registers, credit/debit card equipment, other electronic fund transfer devices, etc.) used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services process, store, display, or otherwise utilize dates? How are the dates utilized?
7.2 What types of systems used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services, if any, are likely to have Y2K problems? What is the nature of the problems?
7.3 For each type of system used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services, that is likely to have Y2K problems, what has been done or will be done to fix the problem? If a fix is planned but has not yet occurred, when will it occur? If a fix cannot or will not occur before January 1, 2000, why not?

Availability of Submissions

All submissions received in response to this Notice will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and Commission regulations, 16 CFR 4.9, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Public Reference Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, Sixth Street & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580. The Commission will make this Notice, and to the extent technically possible, all submissions received in response to this Notice, available to the public through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.ftc.gov>.

Confidentiality

Persons submitting material in response to this Notice may designate that material or portions of it confidential and request that it be withheld from the public record. No such material or portions of material will be placed on the public record until the General Counsel has ruled on the request for confidential treatment and provided any prior notice to the submitter required by law. All requests for confidential treatment shall be supported by a showing of justification in light of applicable statutes, rules, orders of the Commission or its administrative law judges, orders of the courts, or other relevant authority.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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[20] To the extent that a retailer or other business involved in consumer financial services might also be a finance entity, these questions are in addition to those directed to all finance entities.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690–6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information 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.

Proposed Projects 1. Study of Frail Elders in Medicare Managed Care, New

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is proposing to conduct a study of how managed care delivery systems can meet the needs of elderly beneficiaries with disabilities and chronic illnesses. A survey of Medicare beneficiaries will be conducted to identify ways in which managed care can add value and barriers to realizing added value. *Respondents:* Individuals or households; *Number of Responses:* 3264; *Average Burden per Response:* 35.57 minutes; *Total Burden:* 1,935 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Supporting Field Initiated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evaluation

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications to enhance existing evaluations on teen pregnancy prevention programs.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) announces that applications are being accepted for funding to augment existing evaluations of teen pregnancy prevention interventions that are rigorous in design and already have funding. The primary goal of the proposed grants is to further the understanding of teen pregnancy prevention interventions and the extent to which these interventions meet their goal of reducing teenage pregnancies. Federal funding under this announcement is intended to support evaluation exclusively, not program operation or service provision. Projects funded under this announcement are

intended to complement other aspects of the Department's National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Organizations eligible to apply for this federal funding include public entities; private for profit organizations (if fee is waived); and public or private nonprofit organizations, including universities that are either in the process of conducting a rigorous evaluation of a teen pregnancy prevention program or that have completed an evaluation of such program within the past three years and would be appropriate for a follow-up.

It is anticipated that two to three grants totaling approximately $300,000 will be awarded. Project duration is 12 months from date of award.

Legislative Authority

This grant is authorized by section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C).

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for submitting applications under this announcement is July 6, 1998.

MAILING ADDRESS: Application instructions and forms should be requested from and submitted to: Grants Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, DC 20201, Phone (202) 690–8794. Copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may also be obtained electronically at the ASPE World Wide Web Page http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov. You may fax your request to (202) 690–6518 to the attention of the Grants Officer. Application submissions may not be faxed or sent electronically.

The printed **Federal Register** notice is the only official program announcement. Although reasonable efforts are taken to assure that the files on the ASPE World Wide Web Page containing electronic copies of this Program Announcement are accurate and complete, they are provided for information only. The applicant bears sole responsibility to assure that the copy downloaded and/or printed from any other source is accurate and complete. Requests for forms and questions (administrative and technical) will be accepted and responded to up to 30 days prior to closing date of receipt of applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Technical questions should be directed to Barbara Broman DHHS, ASPE, Telephone, (202) 690–6461 or E-Mail, bbroman@osaspe.dhhs.gov. Questions may also be faxed to (202) 690–5514. Written technical questions should be addressed to Ms. Broman at the following address: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, SW, Room 450G, Washington, DC 20201.

Part I. Background

Although teen birth rates in the United States are declining, the teen birth rate continues to range between two and seven times higher than the teen birth rate in comparable Western industrialized nations. However, before large scale pregnancy prevention initiatives can be implemented, the current knowledge base on pregnancy prevention programs must be expanded to delineate which strategies are the most promising, which aspects of which programs demonstrate the strongest impact, and which programs are successful in affecting behavior across various communities and population characteristics, such as ethnicity and socioeconomic status. This project is designed to augment existing rigorous evaluations of teen pregnancy prevention interventions to further the understanding of the extent to which these interventions meet their goal of reducing teenage pregnancy.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–193) signed by President Clinton on August 22, 1996 called for additional efforts to prevent teenage pregnancies and to assure that communities engage in local efforts to prevent teen pregnancy. DHHS responded to this call from Congress and the President by releasing the National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in January 1997. The National Strategy builds on existing public and private-sector efforts and on initiatives in the new welfare law by helping provide the tools needed to develop more strategic and targeted approaches to preventing teen pregnancies. The goals of the Strategy include: Strengthening ongoing efforts across the nation through increasing opportunities through welfare reform; supporting promising approaches; building partnerships; improving data collection, research, and evaluation; and disseminating information on innovative and effective practices.

The Department supports a variety of programs to help communities develop teen pregnancy prevention strategies. However, since the multiple challenges adolescents face are often interrelated, programs that emphasize other high-risk behaviors (e.g., alcohol and drug abuse, school dropout) are also related to teen pregnancy prevention. Current Department efforts include family planning grants, maternal and child health programs, abstinence education, adolescent health programs, runaway and homeless youth programs, and alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

Department research, evaluation, and data activities in this area are extensive. Agencies involved include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ National Center Health Statistics (NCHS), National Institutes of Health /National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and ASPE. Specifically, in 1995, ASPE funded Child Trends, Inc. to do a comprehensive review of the most recent literature on teen sexual behavior, pregnancy, and parenthood and the effectiveness of teen pregnancy prevention programs (*Beginning Too Soon: Adolescent Sexual Behavior, Pregnancy and Parenthood*). ASPE, along with NICHD and NCHS, also prepared the September 1995 *Report to Congress on Out-of-Wedlock Childbearing* requested by Senator Moynihan. The report includes the current status and trends in nonmarital childbearing and presents a series of supplemental papers from experts from various social science disciplines. DHHS' statistical and surveillance activities provide much needed data that support research throughout the country. However, there is still a great need to know more about which programs focused on preventing teen pregnancy change sexual behavior and what makes them achieve their program goals.

Numerous programs have been implemented, ranging from abstinence education to comprehensive, multi-faceted interventions that offer education, counseling, and a variety of support services. As documented in the Child Trends report referenced above, several broad conclusions can be drawn about the current state of the field of pregnancy prevention programs. First, interventions have generally not been informed by basic research studies or by theory, and this accounts for the incomplete state of the current knowledge regarding the success of interventions intended to affect adolescent sexual behavior and pregnancy. Second, most of the evaluations that have been conducted have been lacking in methodological and statistical rigor. Douglas Kirby's 1997 report *No Easy Answers*, prepared for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, also concludes there is a need to continue to explore, develop and rigorously evaluate promising

approaches. This announcement looks to build on current evaluation studies, such as those included in the reports noted above, that are based on theory and existing research, using rigorous methods.

Part II—Purpose and Project Design

A. Purpose

The primary purpose of this announcement is to enhance existing teen pregnancy prevention program evaluations. As part of the DHHS' National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy we strive to better understand the effects of these programs by providing additional support to evaluations already in place. We are primarily interested in supporting enhancements to existing evaluations (e.g., follow-up to completed studies or nearly completed studies or enhanced data analysis). We do not expect to provide full funding for any study.

B. Project Design

Funding under this announcement is expected to be used to support existing rigorous evaluations of teen pregnancy prevention interventions. Given that we know there is no ''magic bullet'' in preventing teen pregnancy, ASPE does not prescribe specific types of interventions for evaluation, but rather invites varied approaches to advance understanding of teen pregnancy prevention efforts. While the methods for evaluations may differ, projects must be well designed and the methods must be adequate and appropriate to address the questions identified.

As discussed below in the Evaluation Criteria section, applicants must demonstrate prior experience in conducting evaluations of the scope, scale and topic area proposed. In making funding decisions, ASPE will consider an applicant organization's experience and the qualifications of researchers and staff.

There is a wide range of teen pregnancy prevention programs aimed at delaying the initiation of sexual activity, improving contraceptive use among sexually active adolescents, and preventing subsequent births among adolescent parents. Programs targeting each of these issues range from traditional sex education programs and interventions designed to improve an adolescent's decisionmaking and interpersonal skills, to contraceptive services programs designed to meet needs of young clients, to multi-faceted initiatives targeting a wide range of adolescent needs. Regardless of the type of approach, ASPE is interested in two main questions: First, have the targeted behaviors changed during the time period under study for the population targeted? Second, are there other possible causes for the behavior changes, if any are noted?

ASPE also seeks evidence as to which aspects of which programs demonstrate the strongest impact, and which programs are successful in affecting behavior across various populations that are diverse with respect to ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

As indicated above, we expect to provide funding to augment existing evaluations which already examine a specific type of teen pregnancy prevention intervention. However, ASPE does not intend to fund evaluations of abstinence-only programs under this announcement, given that a competitive contract award will be made to conduct an intensive rigorous evaluation of a selected number of abstinence-only programs funded under Section 510 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. We are seeking to enhance evaluations of other programs including for example: curriculum-based sex education, school-based health centers, multi-component or youth development programs. These approaches are meant for illustrative purposes and to demonstrate our desire for additional evaluation information on a wide variety of teen pregnancy interventions.

Grantees must deliver a final report to ASPE at the completion of the project that can be disseminated by ASPE or its designee(s). The report must be reviewed for quality of content, formatting, and readability. The report, at a minimum, should contain a table of contents, executive summary, and full report.

In addition to the printed copies required under this grant, the contents of all reports must be delivered in a digital form that is reproducible on personal computers and office printers.

Electronic copy shall be delivered on 3½″ disks formatted in the DOS (FAT) format.

Text shall be entered and formatted in any of the commonly available commercial word processing programs marketed by the IBM®, Corel®, or Microsoft® Corporations. Lengthy documents should be organized into chapters and a separate file should be provided for each chapter. The title page, table of contents, and other front matter shall be in a separate file.

Tables of data shall be delivered in a commonly available commercial spreadsheet program marketed by the IBM®, Corel®, or Microsoft® Corporations. Each table shall be delivered as a separate file on the disk and not embedded in the word processing file even though tables may have been merged with the text to form a single file for printing purposes. File names should contain consecutive numbers that correspond to the numerical labels used in the printed version. For example, Chapter 4, Table 7 could be designated C4T7.tbl.

Graphic figures such as bar and line charts, diagrams, and other drawings shall be delivered in the Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) or the JPG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) format. Even though the graphical elements may have been merged with the text to form a single file for printing purposes, each graphical image shall be delivered as a separate file on the disk and must not be embedded in a word processing, spreadsheet, slide show or other composite file.

Documents that have been designed to include visually complex elements, two or more colors, specialized drawings, photographic images, or other artwork, or which have been specially prepared for offset printing, shall be delivered in electronic form as one or more Postscript® files. All the files necessary for reproduction shall be provided including templates, indices, etc.

C. Eligible Applicants and Funding

ASPE anticipates providing up to a total of $300,000 for two to three approved projects in FY 98, subject to the availability of funds. All grants will be awarded by September 30, 1998. We expect to make one-time awards for projects. There are currently no budgeted future year costs to this initiative, though if funding becomes available in FY 1998 or FY 1999 additional grants could be funded or some of this year's grants could be extended to allow additional analysis.

Applications may be submitted by for-profit and non-profit organizations, public and private, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of State and local governments, health boards, public health departments, volunteer organizations or clinics that are either in the process of conducting an evaluation of a teen pregnancy prevention intervention or that have completed an evaluation of such program within the past three years and would be appropriate for follow-up. However, to reach scientifically valid conclusions about effectiveness, evaluations most appropriate for this funding should include the following criteria: (1) A sufficiently large sample size, (2) long-term follow-up, (3) measures of behavior rather than just attitudes and beliefs, (4) a comparison or control group (5) proper statistical

analyses, and 6) independent evaluators. Applicant should explain further in narrative if any of these criteria are not met.

ASPE does not expect to fully fund a new evaluation. To maximize the benefit of the Federal investment to advance knowledge about teen pregnancy prevention, applicants must provide evidence of other sources of funding for the project (e.g, applicant resources or private foundation funding). The applicant should provide budget statements from previous awards that contribute to the completion of the evaluation. The applicant should describe the level, sources and duration of non-Federal funds or resources committed to the project, and should clearly state how ASPE funds will be used to enhance the evaluation.

Part III. Application Preparation and Evaluation Criteria

This section contains information on the preparation of applications for submission under this announcement, on the forms necessary for submission, and on the evaluation criteria under which the applications will be reviewed. Potential applicants should read this section carefully in conjunction with information provided above. The application must contain the required federal forms, title page, table of contents, and the sections listed below. All pages of the narrative should be numbered. The application should include the following elements:

1. *Abstract:* A one page summary of the proposed project.

2. *Goals and objectives of the project:* An overview that describes (1) specific research questions to be investigated, (2) the project and methods to be employed, and (3) knowledge and information to be gained from the project by the applicant, the government, and the research community.

3. *Methodology and Design:* Provide a description and justification of how the proposed evaluation enhancement will be implemented, including methodologies, chosen approach, data, and proposed evaluation and analytic plans including a description of the overall project and how the enhancement relates to the overall project. Address the ability to generalize the findings from this study to the national problem. Identify theoretical or empirical basis for the methodology and approach proposed. Specify how the study will protect the confidentiality of subjects and the information they provide. Describe how the project will address potential difficulties in studying the youth population such as recruitment and retention as well as language and cultural differences, if applicable. Indicate the types of assurances that are provided regarding protection of human subjects, in areas like confidentiality, informed consent, etc.

4. *Experience, capacity, qualifications, and use of staff:* Briefly describe the applicant's organizational capabilities and experience in conducting pertinent evaluation projects. Identify key staff who are expected to carry out the proposed evaluation enhancement and provide a curriculum vita for each person. Provide a discussion of which key staff are already involved in the existing evaluation project and a detailed description of additional responsibilities of that staff for the enhancement or additional staff, if applicable. If the applicant plans to contract for outside staff for this project, the relationship and commitment of these people to the applicant organization should be demonstrated. Applicants should demonstrate access to computer hardware and software for storing and analyzing their data necessary to complete this project.

5. *Work plan:* A work plan should be included which describes the start and end dates of the overall project and the proposed enhancement, the responsibilities of each of the key staff, and a time line which indicates the sequence of tasks necessary for the completion of the overall evaluation and the proposed enhancement. It should identify other time commitments of key staff members such as other projects and/or teaching or managerial responsibilities. The work plan should include a discussion of plans for dissemination of the results of the study including the findings from the enhancement, e.g., articles in journals and presentations at conferences.

6. *Budget:* Applicants must submit a request for federal funds using Standard Form 424A and include a detailed breakdown of Federal line items. A narrative explanation of the budget should be included which explains fund usage in more detail. The applicant should clearly state how the funds associated with this announcement will be used and describe how these funds will be used for purposes that would not otherwise be incorporated within the project. The applicant should document equipment purchase, if applicable. The applicant should also document the level of funding from other sources and how these funds have been or will be utilized. The applicant should provide budget statements from previous award/s that contribute to the completion of the evaluation.

Review Process and Funding Information

A independent review panel will review and score all applications that are submitted by the deadline date and which meet the screening criteria (all information and documents as required by this Announcement.) The panel will review the application using the evaluation criteria listed below to score each application. These review results will be the primary element used by the Assistant Secretary in making funding decisions. The Department reserves the option to discuss applications with other Federal or State staff, specialists, experts and the general public. Comments from these sources, along with those of the reviewers, will be kept from inappropriate disclosure and may be considered in making an award decision

State Single Point of Contact (E.O. 12372)

DHHS has determined that this program is not subject to Executive Order 12372, ''Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,'' because it is a program that is national in scope and does not directly affect State and local governments. Applicants are not required to seek intergovernmental review of their applications within the constraints of E.O. 12372.

Deadline for Submission of Applications

The closing date for submission of applications under this announcement is July 6, 1998. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the application receipt point no later than 5 p.m. on July 6, 1998. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, prior to and on July 6, 1998, during the working hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of the Hubert H. Humphrey building located at 200 Independence Avenue, SW. in Washington, DC. When hand-delivering an application, call (202) 690–8794 from the lobby for pick up. A staff person will be available to receive applications.

An application will be considered as meeting the deadline if it is either: (1) Received at, or hand-delivered to, the mailing address on or before July 6, 1998, or (2) postmarked before midnight of the deadline date, July 6, 1998 and received in time to be considered during the competitive review process.

When mailing applications, applicants are strongly advised to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a

commercial carrier (such as UPS, Federal Express, etc.) or from the U.S. Postal Service as proof of mailing by the deadline date (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed). If there is a question as to when an application was mailed, applicants will be asked to provide proof of mailing by the deadline date. When proof is not provided, an application will not be considered for funding. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

A. Late Applications

Applications which do not meet the July 6, 1998 deadline are considered late applications and will not be considered or reviewed in the current competition. DHHS will send a letter to this effect to each late applicant.

B. Extension of Deadlines

DHHS reserves the right to extend the deadline for all proposals due to acts of God, such as floods, hurricanes, or earthquakes; or if there is a widespread disruption of the mail; or if DHHS determines a deadline extension to be in the best interest of the government. However, DHHS will not waive or extend the deadline for any applicant unless the deadline is waived or extended for all applicants.

C. Initial Screening

Applications will be initially screened for compliance with the timeliness, completeness, and cost-sharing requirements. If judged in compliance, the application then will be reviewed by government personnel, augmented by outside experts where appropriate.

Mailing Address and Application Forms

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Also see section entitled ''Components of a Complete Application.'' All of these documents must accompany the application package.

Length of Application

Applications should be as brief as possible but should assure successful communication of the applicant's proposal to the reviewers. In no case shall an application (excluding the resumes, appendix and other appropriate attachments) be longer than 20 single spaced pages. Applications should be neither unduly elaborate nor contain voluminous supporting documentation. Videotapes and cassette tapes may not be included as part of a grant application for panel review. A signed original and two (2) copies of each application are required. Applicants are encouraged to send an additional four (4) copies of their application to ease processing, but applicants will not be penalized if these extra copies are not included. The application's Form 424 must be signed by the applicant's representative authorized to act with the full authority on behalf of the applicant

Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

Selection of the successful applicant will be based on the technical and financial criteria described in this announcement. Reviewers will determine the strengths and weaknesses of each application in terms of the evaluation criteria listed below, provide comments and assign numerical scores. The review panel will prepare a summary of all applicant score and strengths/weaknesses and recommendations and submit it to ASPE for final decisions on the award.

The point value following each criterion heading indicates the maximum numerical weight that each section will be given in the review process. An unacceptable rating on any individual criterion may render the application unacceptable. Consequently, applicants should take care to ensure that all criteria are fully addressed in the applications. Applications will be judged according to the criteria set forth below:

1. *Goals, Objectives, and Potential Usefulness of the Analyses (20 points).* The potential usefulness of the project and how the anticipated results of the proposed project will advance knowledge and development in the field of teen pregnancy prevention. Applicants will be judged on the extent to which the proposed evaluative approach addresses the interests of ASPE and whether findings will contribute to the current knowledge base on teen pregnancy prevention programs and which strategies are the most promising.

2. *Quality and Soundness of Methodology and Evaluation Design (40 points).* The appropriateness, soundness, and cost effectiveness of the methodology, including the evaluation design, statistical techniques, analytical strategies, selection of existing data sets, and other procedures. Reviewers will judge the overall program/intervention that is being evaluated, the existing evaluation design and the proposed enhancement to that evaluation funded by this announcement. Reviewers will consider the following about the program/intervention: (1) Period of time the program has been in existence, (2) target population, (3) theoretical base of program, (4) geographical location, and (5) intensiveness.

Reviewers will consider the following in assessing the existing evaluation and the proposed enhancement to the evaluation: (1) A sufficiently large sample size, (2) long-term follow-up, (3) measures of behavior rather than just attitudes and beliefs, (4) a comparison or control group (5) proper statistical analyses, and an (6) independent evaluators. Applicant should explain further if any of these criteria are not met.

Reviewers will also judge the ability of the applicant's proposed methodology to reliably attribute impacts. Reviewers will consider if the types of assurances regarding protection of human subjects, in areas like confidentiality, informed consent, etc. are provided.

3. *Qualifications of Personnel and Organizational Capacity (20 points).* The qualifications of the project personnel for conducting the proposed evaluation as evidenced by professional training and experience, and the capacity of the organization to provide the infrastructure and support necessary for the project. Reviewers will evaluate the applicant's principal investigator and staff on evaluation experience and their demonstrated evaluation skills. Principal investigator and staff time

commitments also will be a factor in the evaluation.

4. *Ability of the Work Plan and Budget to Successfully Achieve the Project's Objectives (20 points).* Reviewers will examine if the work plan and budget are reasonable and sufficient to ensure timely implementation and completion of the evaluation enhancement and whether the applicant demonstrates an adequate level of understanding by the applicant of the practical problems of conducting such a project. Reviewers will judge whether there is an ''added benefit'' from providing these funds. In other words, is the applicant using federal funds for purposes that would not otherwise be funded? Reviewers will also consider whether the budget assures an efficient and effective allocation of funds to achieve the objectives of this solicitation and whether the application has additional funding from other sources. Eligible projects must document sufficient funding for program operation during the period of the evaluation and also document sufficient funding for the existing evaluation component. The applicant should provide budget statements from previous award/s that contribute to the completion of the evaluation. Applicants without these funds or the documentation that certifies these funds will be ineligible to receive any points in this category. Reviewers will judge if the applicant has adequately demonstrated its ability to present findings and produce a final report that can be widely disseminated by ASPE or its designee (s).

Disposition of Applications

1. Approval, Disapproval, or Deferral

On the basis of the review of the application, the Assistant Secretary will either: (a) Approve the application as a whole or in part; (b) disapprove the application; or defer action on the application for such reasons as lack of funds or a need for further review. However, nothing commits the Assistant Secretary to making an award or limits the ability to make multiple award.

2. Notification of Disposition

The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation will notify the applicants of the disposition of their applications. If approved, a signed notification of the grant award will be sent to the business office named in the ASPE checklist.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93–239.

Components of a Complete Application

A complete application consists of the following items in this order:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424);
2. Budget Information—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424A);
3. Assurances—Non-construction Programs (Standard Form 424B);
4. Table of Contents;
5. Budget Justification for Section B Budget Categories;
6. Proof of Non-Profit Status, if appropriate;
7. Copy of the applicant's Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement;
8. Project Narrative Statement;
9. Any appendices or attachments;
10. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace;
11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, or other Responsibility Matters;
12. Certification and, if necessary, Disclosure Regarding Lobbying;
13. Supplement to Section II—Key Personnel
14. Application for Federal Assistance Checklist

Margaret A. Hamburg,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of National AIDS Policy

Notice of Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Its Subcommittees

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS on June 15–18, 1998, at the Madison Hotel, Washington, DC. The meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS will take place on Monday, June 15, Tuesday, June 16, Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Madison Hotel, Fifteenth and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20005. The meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the subcommittee meetings will be to finalize any recommendations and assess the status of previous recommendations made to the administration. The agenda of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS may include presentations from the Council's subcommittees, Research, Services, Prevention, International, Discrimination, Communities for African and Latino Descent, and Prison Issues.

Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy, 736 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Phone (202) 456–2437, Fax (202) 456–2438, will furnish the meeting agenda and roster of committee members upon request. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ann Borlo at (301) 986–4870 no later than May 15, 1998.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

Daniel C. Montoya,

Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, Office of National AIDS Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures; Federal Matching Shares for Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Medicaid, and Aid to Aged, Blind, or Disabled Persons for October 1, 1997 Through October 1, 1998 and for October 1, 1998 Through September 30, 1999; Clarification and Correction

ACTION: Notice of clarification and correction.

SUMMARY: This Notice clarifies the status of Alaska and the District of Columbia shown in the Tables of Federal Medical Assistance percentages calculated for determining the amount of Federal matching in State welfare and medical expenditures for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999 and corrects an error for the District of Columbia for 1999. For Medicaid and for the Child Health Insurance Program, the percentages given in the notices are correct. For other uses, including the remaining Title IV programs, the Alaskan percentage for 1998 should be 50.00% and for 1999 should be 52.26%. The District of Columbia percentage should be 50.00% for both years.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The corrected percentages will be effective for each of the 4 quarter-year periods in the period beginning October 1, 1997 and ending September 30, 1998 and for each of the 4 quarter-year periods in the period beginning October 1, 1998 and ending September 30, 1999.