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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of the Director (OD), Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1998, pages 24813-24814 and allowed 60-days for public comments. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30-days for public comments. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which Public Health Service (PHS) Funding is Sought: 42 CFR Part 50 Subpart F and Responsible Prospective Contractors: 45 CFR Part 94. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection, OMB No. 0925-0417, expiration date 09/30/98. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This is a request for OMB approval for the information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in the final rule 42 CFR Part 50 Subpart F and Responsible Prospective Contractors: 45 CFR Part 94. The purpose of the regulations is to promote objectivity in research by requiring institutions to establish standards which ensure that there is no reasonable expectation that the design, conduct, or reporting of research will be biased by a conflicting financial interest of an investigator.

Frequency of Response: On occasion. **Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government. **Type of Respondents:** Any public or private entity or organization. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 57,235; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 10; **Average Burden Hours Per Respose:** 20; **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 171,110. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$5,068,850. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points. (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Thomas F. McCormack, Assistant Grant's Policy Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-0935 or E-mail your request, including your address, to: TM102d@NIH.gov

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having

their full effect if received on or before October 13, 1998.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Diana Jaeger,

Acting Director, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC): Opportunity for Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) in the Fields of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy, Molecular Imaging, Image Processing, and Surgery Under Image Guidance

AGENCY: Radiology Department, NIHCC, NIH, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of CRADA Opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Radiology Department of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC), seeks Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) with one or more medical equipment manufacturers to collaborate on research projects designed to develop improved technologies for radiological diagnosis and treatment. The term of the CRADA will be up to four (4) years.

DATES: Interested parties should submit a brief statement indicating: (i) area(s) of proposed research collaboration and (ii) interest in submitting a formal proposal. Statements of interest should be submitted to NIHCC in writing no later than December 10, 1998. Parties will then have an additional thirty (30) days in which to submit a formal proposal.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries and proposals regarding this opportunity should be addressed to Steve Galen, Technology Development Coordinator, National Institutes of Health, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, 6011 Executive Boulevard, suite 559B, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: (301) 594-4509, FAX (301) 402-2143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A CRADA is the anticipated joint agreement to be entered into by NIHCC pursuant to the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 as amended by the National Technology Transfer Act (Pub.L. 104-113 (Mar. 7, 1996)) and by Executive Order 12591 of April 10, 1987.

The CRADA objective is the rapid publication of research findings and the timely commercialization of improved diagnostic and treatment strategies in