Factor 3: Performance Measures (20 Points)

HHS will evaluate the applicant’s description of performance measures, including measures of effectiveness, to determine the extent to which the applicant proposes objective and quantitative measures that relate to the performance goals stated in the “Purpose” section of this announcement, including the goals of the President’s National Strategy, and whether the proposed measures will accurately measure the intended outcomes.

Factor 4: Understanding of the Requirements (15 Points)

HHS will evaluate the extent of the applicant’s understanding of the operational tasks identified in this announcement to ensure successful performance of the work in this project. Because the focus of the work will be on countries in Central America, the applicant must demonstrate an understanding of the cultural, ethnic, political and economic factors that could affect successful implementation of this cooperative agreement.

The applicant’s proposal must also demonstrate understanding of the functions, capabilities and operating procedures of host-country Ministries of Health and Agriculture and international organizations such as the WHO and FAO, and describe the applicant’s ability to work with and within those organizations. The applicant must also demonstrate an understanding of the U.S. National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza and a commitment to the principles of the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza.

2. Review and Selection Process

HHS/OPHEP will review applications for completeness. An incomplete application or an application that is non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. HHS will notify applicants if their applications did not meet submission requirements.

An objective review panel, which could include both Federal employees and non-Federal members, will evaluate complete and responsive applications according to the criteria listed in the “V1.I. Criteria” section above.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

The successful applicant will receive a Notice of Award (NoA). The NoA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and HHS. An authorized Grants Management Officer will sign the NoA, and mail it to the recipient fiscal officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review by mail.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

A successful applicant must comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 CFR part 74 and part 92 as appropriate. The Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations Act requires that when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, the issuance shall clearly state the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the program or project to be financed with Federal money and the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program to be financed by non-governmental sources.

3. Reporting Requirements

The applicant must provide HHS with an original, plus two hard copies, as well as an electronic copy of the following reports in English:

1. A quarterly progress report, due no less than 30 days after the end of each quarter of the budget period. The progress report for the third quarter of the year will serve as the non-competing continuation application. The quarterly progress report must contain the following elements:
   a. Activities and Objectives for the Current Budget Period;
   b. Financial Progress for the Current Budget Period;
   c. Proposed Activity Objectives for the New Budget Period;
   d. Budget;
   e. Measures of Effectiveness; and
   f. Additional Requested Information.

2. An annual progress report, due 90 days after the end of the budget period, which must contain a detailed summary of the elements required in the quarterly progress report.

3. Final performance reports, due no more than 90 days after the end of the project period; and

4. A Financial Status Report (FSR) SF–269 is due 90 days after the close of each 12-month budget period.

Recipients must mail the reports to the Grants Management Specialist listed in the “Agency Contacts” section of this announcement.

VII. Agency Contacts

For program technical assistance, contact: Lily O. Engstrom, Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services. Telephone: 202.205.4727. E-mail: lily.engstrom@hhs.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Grants Management Specialist, Office of Grants Management, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wooten Parkway, Suite 550, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (240) 453–8822. E-mail Address: kcampbell@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

Stewart Simonson,
Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary


AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The revised Federal Medical Assistance Percentages and Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Alaska for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 have been calculated pursuant to section 6053(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act. These percentages will be effective from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 and October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

These revised Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Alaska replace the percentages previously published for Fiscal Year 2006 (published November 24, 2004) and Fiscal Year 2007 (published November 30, 2005).

This notice announces the revised “Federal Medical Assistance Percentages” and “Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages” that we will use in determining the amount of Federal matching for State medical assistance (Medicaid) and State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) expenditures for Alaska. The
The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages and Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Alaska, Effective October 1, 2005—September 30, 2006 (Fiscal Year 2006) and October 1, 2006—September 30, 2007 (Fiscal Year 2007)

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DATES: Effective Dates: The percentages listed will be effective for Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Bloniarz or Robert Stewart, Office of Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 447D—Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690–6870.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.778: Medical Assistance Program; 93.767: State Children’s Health Insurance Program)

Dated: May 9, 2006.

Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.