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SUBJECT: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Public Health Conference Grant Support Application

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BACKGROUND:

The U.S Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) have announced funding for the Public Health Conference Support Program. This program supports the "Healthy People 2010" initiative, a comprehensive set of disease prevention and health promotion objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. The overarching goals include the following: 1) Helping individuals of all ages increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life; and 2) Eliminating health disparities among different segments of the population.

The purpose of this funding program is to provide partial support for specific non-federal conferences in the areas of health-promotion and disease-prevention information and education programs and applied research. Funding support for the public health conferences include, but are not limited to, conferences related to the following environmental health topics:

- Health effects of hazardous substances in the environment
- Build Environment/Healthy Community Design
- Environmental Hazards and Health Effects
- Air Pollution and Respiratory Health
- Emergency Response to toxic and environmental disasters
- Emergency Preparedness and Response (e.g., chemical, radiological, global climate change)
- Environmental Health Communication, Marketing, Workforce Development and Policy Health Information Dissemination Methods: for example, training for key individuals in communication skills, printed materials, timely reporting of critical information, and effective interaction with the media
- Public Health Partnership/Relationship Development and Management: for example, development, implementation and evaluation of toolkits promoting partnerships at federal, state and community levels

The grant funds are awarded to States, local governments, public and private universities, non-profits, Indian Tribes, hospitals, and research institutions through a nationwide, competitive process. Only

conferences planned to occur within the date range of May 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010 are eligible to apply under this announcement. It is expected that the average award range for a two-year project period will be between $20,000 to $100,000. At least 1% in-kind or cash match is required. Applications with more cash match will be more favorably considered.

Staff seeks to apply for up to $100,000 in grant funds for funding support to hold public conferences relating to environmental health and air quality.

The letter of intent to apply for funding support is due February 8, 2008. The application is due March 3, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Awarded grant funds will be amended into the annual budget as appropriate.

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