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Subject: Deadlines for proposals for 2011-12 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey content

To: Potential and Current NHANES Collaborators

NCHS will consider adding new or revised questionnaire material, laboratory assessments, and examination components to the survey. Please note that the ability to add examination components or new questionnaire items is limited by logistical considerations (time) and may be dependent on other content cycling out of the survey.

The proposal submission process is a 2-stage process. Initially, all proposers should submit a letter of intent describing the proposed NHANES project. The letter of intent should be brief (two pages maximum) and include brief descriptions of the public health significance of the proposal, technical requirements to perform the proposed component, and issues related to the safety and privacy of survey participants. NCHS will review the letters of intent and provide comments to proposers. If the proposal is selected for further consideration a full research proposal will be requested.

We have established three deadlines for letters of intent for the three basic aspects of the survey—the examination, laboratory assessments and questionnaires items.

Examination component	June 30, 2009
Questionnaire content	August 31, 2009
Laboratory content	September 30, 2009

If a proposal contains aspects of more than one of these areas the earliest deadline applies. **Proposers are strongly encouraged to make their proposals for 2011-12 in advance of these deadlines if possible.**

Prior to submitting your research proposal, we request that you review the NHANES questionnaires, examination components, and laboratory tests that are on the NHANES website: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhanes/survey\\_content\\_99\\_08.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhanes/survey_content_99_08.pdf). The detailed 2007-8 questionnaires are available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhanes/nhanes2007-2008/questexam07\\_08.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhanes/nhanes2007-2008/questexam07_08.htm). If further information about the 2009-10 content is required please contact DHANES as directed below.

NCHS requests that all proposers include funding source information in their proposals. Proposers must guarantee a minimum of two years of financial support for new survey content. Because new content requires testing and piloting prior to full implementation in the survey, the sponsoring group(s) should be prepared to cover these costs starting in FY 2010.

The NHANES Planning Branch can assist you in preparing your proposal. We will acknowledge receipt of your letter of intent and research proposal via e-mail. To clarify requirements for the research proposals or to schedule a meeting, please contact Vicki Burt, Chief, Planning Branch at 301-458-4127 or [vburt@cdc.gov](mailto:vburt@cdc.gov) or another member of the Planning Branch staff.

Joint proposals both within CDC, with other Federal agencies, and with groups outside the government are encouraged.

Please send all NHANES 2011-2012 letters of intent and research proposals to:

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