

NIOSH Priority Research Objectives for Occupational Safety and Health Surveillance: PAR10-188

Background

For nearly 30 years, CDC/NIOSH has supported and conducted occupational safety and health surveillance in the United States. NIOSH is interested in enhancing and strengthening collaboration and synergism among the 23 NIOSH-supported occupational health surveillance grantees. These 23 new awards were made in June 2010. NIOSH is also interested in helping build occupational surveillance capacity in states not currently funded by NIOSH. To accomplish these tasks, NIOSH is soliciting meritorious proposals that would develop and advance surveillance capacity building among state occupational safety and health programs.

Priority Research Objectives

NIOSH encourages an applicant to address the following priority research objectives:

- Promote state, regional, and national collaboration to increase occupational health (OH) surveillance capacity in the U.S. including liaison with the NIOSH Surveillance Steering Group, program development consultation, and mentoring initiative
- Develop and disseminate audience-specific communication strategies including conceptual guidance, 'model' products or success stories, and informational repository /website
- Maintain or update technical guidance (how-to) for conducting OH surveillance along with minimum guidelines for activities including assessment, policy development and assurance
- Plan, organize, conduct, and evaluate (e.g., follow-up activities) annual scientific meetings and workshops for supporting NIOSH-funded and unfunded state OH surveillance programs
- Provide funding support for travel and/or attendance at national forums including the bi-annual states' OH surveillance consortium and the CSTE OSH Workgroup meetings
- In cooperation and collaboration with the NIOSH Surveillance Program, conduct timely quality assurance activities for up to 19 Indicator data for all 23 state programs, and disseminate/depict (e.g., website, e-bulletin) annual Indicator-specific data for all 23 states.

As with all areas of occupational safety and health, NIOSH is open to receiving applications for efforts that target priority research objectives in surveillance for the benefit of workers. Interested applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent to Steve Inserra by September 24, 2010 (See contact information below). Please identify the institution, Principal Investigator, contact information, requested total costs, and number of years that support is requested. Applications for research funding in response to this notice should be submitted to the NIOSH R01 funding announcement PAR-10-188 <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-188.html>. See Key Dates and Executive Summary Sections for an overview. This PAR uses the SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission along with the Enhanced Peer Review Process. Approximately \$200,000 in total costs (direct and indirect costs) will be available each year for up to four years to fund one award beginning in FY2011.

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