

Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention
2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement Information (Updated 15 March 2010)

NIOSH will be publishing a new funding opportunity announcement in 2010 to solicit applications for Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention. Until the new announcement is published, the following information is provided for interested applicants.

BACKGROUND

Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention conduct high quality research and help translate scientific discoveries into practical applications to improve worker safety and health. These centers of excellence help find practical solutions to complex problems, cultivate collaboration and partnerships, and conduct outreach/education efforts for specific issues or worker populations. They are expected to function as more than a compilation of individual projects.

ANTICIPATED KEY DATES

Publish PAR: 1 Aug 2010

Receipt Date: 1 Dec 2010

Review Date: Feb/Mar 2011

Council Date: May 2011

Awards: July/August/Sept 2011

CENTER THEME

Identifying a specific theme will neither be required nor prohibited. Describing concisely the mission and service area will be required. Supporting information on major issues, priority needs, essential gaps, etc., and how the Center will address these, will be expected. Centers are expected to have a high caliber of scientific and technical competency, be forward looking, and function effectively beyond their multiple individual projects.

EVALUATION

Addressing evaluation at the project level and at the overall Center level will be strongly encouraged. Interested applicants may find the following links helpful:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health. MMWR 1999;48\(No. RR-11\).](#)
- [Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health](#)

TRANSLATION (Research to Practice, R2P, Intervention, Prevention)

Translating scientific discoveries into practical applications that improve worker safety and health will be encouraged at multiple levels (such as project, core component, focus area, and overall Center). Interested applicants may find the following links helpful:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CD-08-001.html>

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CD-07-005.html>

OUTREACH: Including more funding for outreach efforts is being considered.

ENHANCED PEER REVIEW (includes assigning an Overall Impact Score)

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved. The five scored peer review criteria will be: significance, investigators, innovation, approach and environment. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-025.html>

http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/reviewer_video.html

SITE VISITS (as part of the Peer Review Process): under consideration.

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PAGE LIMITS: will likely be similar to last Ag Center PAR ([PAR-06-057](#)).

ELECTRONIC OR PAPER APPLICATION: will likely be paper applications using PHS 398.

REDUCED NUMBER OF RESUBMISSIONS: one resubmission (A1) may be allowed.

FUNDING

Mechanism: Cooperative Agreement (such as U50, U54 or U60).
Project Period: 3 years for new center applications; 5 years for existing centers.
Amount: \$1.3M direct cost (+/-).
No. of Awards: 6-9.

POSSIBLE APPLICATION STRUCTURE

Organization and structure for applications are under consideration. The following is only an example:

Administrative Core

- 1) Center Management
- 2) Advisory Boards/Councils
- 3) Emerging Issues (Pilot Projects/Director's Fund?)

Research Projects/Core

Prevention/Intervention (aka Translation) Projects/Core

Outreach/Education Projects/Core

Evaluation Component (Separate/Integrated Projects/Both)

GUIDING DOCUMENTS (web links embedded in text)

- [Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Research at NIOSH](#)
- [Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Program Evidence Package](#)
- [National Occupational Research Agenda \(NORA\) for Occupational Safety and Health Research and Practice in the U.S. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Sector](#)
- [NIOSH Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Program Plan to Implement the National Academies Program Evaluation Recommendations \(March 2009 Draft\)](#)
- [PAR-06-057 Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention](#)

AG CENTERS CURRENTLY FUNDED BY NIOSH

[Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health](#)

[High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety](#)

[Northeast Center for Agricultural and Occupational Health](#)

[Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center](#)

[Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention](#)

[Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education](#)

[Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety](#)

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Questions or comments should be emailed to [NIOSH/OEP \(CDC\)](#) with **2010 Ag Center PAR** noted as the Subject Line. Your email will be reviewed and a response provided as quickly as possible.

The [NIOSH/OEP website](#) will be periodically updated regarding the status of this announcement.