

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/re-spondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	39,300

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* National Survey for Laboratory Containment of Wild Polioviruses—New—National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Global polio eradication is anticipated within the next few years. The only sources of wild poliovirus will be in biomedical laboratories. Prevention of inadvertent transmission of polioviruses from the laboratory to the community is crucial.

The first step toward laboratory containment is a national survey of all biomedical laboratories. The survey will alert laboratories to the impending eradication of polio, encourage the disposition of all unneeded wild poliovirus infectious and potential infectious materials, and establish a national inventory of laboratories retaining such materials. Laboratories on the inventory will be kept informed of polio eradication progress and notified, when necessary, to implement biosafety requirements appropriate for the risk of working with such materials.

In June 2001, the Secretary for Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, declared in a letter to the Regional Director of the Pan American Health Organization that:

The United States is fully committed to PAHO's Executive Committee Resolution CE126.R4 urging Member States "to initiate activities related to the containment of any laboratory material that may harbor specimens of wild poliovirus."

The Department of Health and Human Services proposes a national survey of all biomedical laboratories that may possess wild poliovirus infectious or potential infectious materials. An estimated 15,000 biomedical laboratories, in six categories of institutions: academic, federal government, hospital, industry, private, and state and local government facilities, will be included in the national survey.

The national survey instruments and logistics will be tested during the OMB approved Pilot Survey (OMB Number: 0920-0545), scheduled to begin May 2002. The survey instruments ask laboratories to indicate whether or not they possess wild poliovirus infectious and/or potential infectious materials. If such materials are present, respondents are asked to indicate the types of materials and estimated numbers retained. Survey instruments will be available on the NVPO web page, and institutions will be encouraged to submit completed survey forms electronically.

No cost beyond time involved to complete the survey will be charged to the respondent. The time required for individuals and institutions to complete the national survey instruments is a function of records quality in each laboratory. It will take the respondent an average of 45 minutes to complete the survey form.

Respondents (institutions in the following categories)	Number of respondents*	Number of responses/re-spondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Academic .....	301	1	45/60	226
Federal .....	10	1	45/60	8
Hospital .....	5,134	1	45/60	3,851
Industry .....	1,217	1	45/60	913
Private .....	4,226	1	45/60	3,170
State and local government .....	1,499	1	45/60	1,124
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	* 9,292

\*The database of biomedical laboratories is currently under development. The numbers of respondents are best estimates.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Validating the Effectiveness of a Hand Hygiene Intervention Program in Healthcare Facilities; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Validating the Effectiveness of a Hand Hygiene Intervention Program in Healthcare Facilities. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of Access to Quality Health Services and Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the impact of a specific hand hygiene intervention program in a group of healthcare facilities in which no such hand hygiene program previously existed. The hand hygiene intervention program to be evaluated was developed in collaboration with CDC by the Chicago Antimicrobial Resistance Project (CARP). The goals of this program are to: (1) Evaluate the reproducibility of the CARP hand hygiene intervention program in healthcare facilities in which no such hand hygiene program previously existed; (2) evaluate the impact of the program on the incidence of isolation of antimicrobial resistant microorganisms; and (3) evaluate the suitability of this program to be developed into a public health product that can be widely promoted to healthcare facilities nationwide.

##### B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the

Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations. Faith-based organizations are eligible for this award.

**Note:** Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

##### C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$197,830 is available in FY 2002 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about August 1, 2002 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of one year. The funding estimate may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

##### Use of Funds

Equipment may be purchased with cooperative agreement funds. However, the equipment proposed should be appropriate and reasonable for the activity to be conducted. The applicant, as part of the application process, should provide: (1) A justification for the need to acquire the equipment; (2) the description of the equipment; (3) the intended use of the equipment; and (4) the advantages/disadvantages of purchase versus lease of the equipment (if applicable). Requests for equipment purchases will be reviewed and approved only under the condition that the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Health Quality Promotion, will retain the right to request return of all equipment which is in operable condition and was purchased with cooperative agreement funds at the conclusion of the project period.

##### Funding Preferences

1. Funding preference will be given to applicants affiliated with integrated healthcare delivery networks (such as hospital "chains" or managed care organizations which operate their own healthcare facilities).

2. Funding preference will be given to healthcare delivery networks that have between four and ten healthcare facilities in close geographic proximity to one another that share a common administration and electronic information systems, including at least two long-term care facilities.

3. Funding preference will be given to applicants who have already identified a person that has a demonstrated background in infection control in healthcare facilities who can be designated to work full-time on this project.

4. Funding preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a willingness to model, in collaboration with CDC, their hand hygiene intervention program after the CARP hand hygiene intervention program.

5. Funding preference will be given to applicants who have existing infrastructure and experience to perform active surveillance for healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance using methodology consistent with the National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System (NNIS).

6. Funding preference will be given to applicants who have installed alcohol-based handrub dispensers in all patient care areas of facilities which will participate in the project.

##### D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. Recipient Activities, and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. CDC Activities.

##### 1. Recipient Activities

a. In collaboration with CDC, develop and implement a formal hand hygiene program in multiple healthcare facilities which has the following components:

(1) Regular educational presentations. At a minimum, educational presentations will be given annually to each healthcare worker. The interactive presentation uses an audience response system, an educational tool which actively engages the audience and allows participants to respond to the speaker and compare their own response with that of others. Components of the presentation include: review of the Hospital Infection Control Practice Advisory Committee's hand hygiene guideline, review of hospital policy related to hand hygiene and infection control, current hand antisepsis options for healthcare workers, data on hospital-specific hand hygiene adherence rates, benefits of alcohol-based hand rubs, importance of wearing gloves, effect of artificial nails on hand antisepsis, rings as a risk factor for healthcare worker hand contamination, and generalized hand care; including use of lotions. The presentation also includes two accompanying handouts: an individual, pocket-sized bottle of alcohol hand rub, and a fact sheet with questions and