

on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: The Jackson Heart Study: Annual Follow-up with Third Party Respondents. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0491). **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This project involves contacting next-of-kin and family physicians of deceased participants who were part of the Jackson Heart Study exam. Interviewers will contact doctors and hospitals to ascertain participants' cardiovascular events. Information gathered will be used to further describe the risk factors, occurrence rates, and consequences of cardiovascular disease in African American men and women. Recruitment of 5,500 JHS participants began in September 2000 and was completed in March 2004. 5,302 participants

completed a baseline Exam 1 that included demographics, psychosocial inventories, medical history, anthropometry, resting and ambulatory blood pressure, phlebotomy and 24-hour urine collection, ECG, echocardiography, and pulmonary function. JHS Exam 2 began September 26, 2005, followed by a more comprehensive Exam 3 that began in February 2009. The two new exams include some repeated measures from Exam 1 and several new components, including distribution of self-monitoring blood pressure devices. The continuation of the study allows continued assessment of subclinical coronary disease, left ventricular dysfunction, progression of carotid atherosclerosis and left ventricular hypertrophy, and responses to stress, racism, and discrimination as well as new components such as renal disease,

body fat distribution and body composition, and metabolic consequences of obesity.

Frequency of Response: One-time. **Affected Public:** Individuals or households; businesses or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions. **Type of Respondents:** Adults; doctors and staff of hospitals and nursing homes. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 400; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.0; **Average Burden Hours per Response:** (84 hours/400 respondents) 0.20; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 84. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$3,760, assuming \$15 per burden hour for informants and \$65 per burden hour for physicians. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL HOUR BURDEN

Type of response	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time per response	Annual hour burden
Morbidity & Mortality AFU 3rd Party/Next-of-kin decedents	200	1	0.17	34
Morbidity & Mortality AFU 3rd Party Physicians	200	1	0.25	50
Total	400	84

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention: Desk

Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Cheryl Nelson, Project Officer, NIH, NHLBI, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7934, Bethesda, MD 20892-7934, or call non-toll-free number 301-435-0451 or e-mail your request, including your address to: NelsonC@nhlbi.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

[Funding Announcement Number: HHS-2011-IHS-TMD-0001]

Tribal Management Grant Program; Announcement Type: New and Competing Continuation Discretionary Funding Cycle for Fiscal Year 2011

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number(s): 93.228.

Key Dates: Program Requirements Session: April 21-22 and May 5-6, 2010.

Grant Writing Session: May 17-21, 2010.

TMG WebEx Session: June 3, 2010.

Application Deadline Date: August 6, 2010.

Receipt Date for Final Tribal Resolution: October 1, 2010.

Review Date: October 4-8, 2010.

Application Notification Date: November 12, 2010.

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: January 1, 2011.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces competitive grant applications for the Tribal Management

Grant (TMG) Program. This program is authorized under 25 U.S.C. 450h(b) and 25 U.S.C. 450h(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Public Law (Pub. L.) 93–638, as amended. This program is described at 93.228 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

The TMG Program is a national competitive grant program established to assist Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFA) through a Title I contract and to assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve their management capability. In addition, TMGs are available to Tribes/Tribal organizations under the authority of Public Law 93–638 Section 103(e) for: (1) Obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the Tribe/Tribal organization (including Tribes/Tribal organizations that operate mature contracts) for the purposes of program planning and evaluation, including the development of any management systems necessary for contract management and the development of cost allocation plans for indirect cost rates; and (2) planning, designing and evaluating Federal health programs serving the Tribe/Tribal organization, including Federal administrative functions.

Funding Priorities: The IHS has established the following funding priorities for TMG awards:

- **Priority I**—Any Indian Tribe that has received Federal recognition (restored, funded, or unfunded) within the past five years, specifically received during or after March 2005.

- **Priority II**—All other eligible Federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Tribally-sanctioned Tribal organizations submitting a competing continuation application or a new application for the sole purpose of addressing audit material weaknesses. The audit material weaknesses are identified in Attachment A of the transmittal letter received from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), National External Audit Review Center (NEARC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Please identify the material weaknesses to be addressed by underlining the item on Attachment A. Please refer to Section III.3, “Other Requirements,” for more information regarding Priority II participation.

Federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Tribally-sanctioned Tribal organizations not subject to Single Audit Act requirements must provide a financial

statement identifying the Federal dollars received in the footnotes. The financial statement must also identify specific weaknesses/recommendations that will be addressed in the TMG proposal and are related to 25 CFR Part 900, Subpart F—“Standards for Tribes and Tribal Organizations.”

Priority II participation is only applicable to the Health Management Structure project type. For more information see Section II, “ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, MAXIMUM FUNDING AND PROJECT PERIODS.”

- **Priority III**—All other eligible Federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations submitting a competing continuation application or a new application.

The funding of approved Priority I applicants will occur before the funding of approved Priority II applicants. Priority II applicants will be funded before approved Priority III applicants. Funds will be distributed until depleted.

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Grant.

Estimated Funds Available: The estimated amount available is \$2,669,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. There will be only one funding cycle in FY 2011. Awards that are issued under this announcement are subject to the availability of funds.

Anticipated Number of Awards: Approximately 20–25 awards will be issued under this grant program.

Project Periods: Varies based on project type from one to three years. Please refer to “ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, MAXIMUM FUNDING AND PROJECT PERIODS” under this section for additional details.

Estimated Award Amount: \$50,000/year–\$100,000/year. Please refer to “ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, MAXIMUM FUNDING AND PROJECT PERIODS” below for more detailed information.

Eligible Project Types, Maximum Funding and Project Periods: The TMG Program consists of four project types: (1) Feasibility study; (2) planning; (3) evaluation study; and (4) health management structure. Applicants may submit applications for one project type. Applicants must state the project type selected. Applications that address more than one project type will be considered ineligible and will be returned to the applicant. The maximum funding levels noted include both direct and indirect costs. Applicant budgets may not exceed the maximum funding level or project period identified for a project type. Applicants whose budget or project period exceeds the maximum

funding level or project period will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed. Please refer to Section IV.6. “Funding Restrictions” for further information regarding ineligible activities.

1. **Feasibility Study** (Maximum funding/project period: \$70,000/12 months)

The Feasibility Study must include a study of a specific IHS program or segment of a program to determine if Tribal management of the program is possible. The study shall present the planned approach, training, and resources required to assume Tribal management of the program. The study must include the following four components:

- Health needs and health care services assessments that identify existing health care services and delivery system, program divisibility issues, health status indicators, unmet needs, volume projections, and demand analysis.

- Management analysis of existing management structures, proposed management structures, implementation plans and requirements, and personnel staffing requirements and recruitment barriers.

- Financial analysis of historical trends data, financial projections and new resource requirements for program management costs and analysis of potential revenues from Federal/non-Federal sources.

- Decision statement/report that incorporates findings, conclusions and recommendations; the presentation of the study and recommendations to the governing body for Tribal determination regarding whether Tribal assumption of program(s) is desirable or warranted.

2. **Planning** (Maximum funding/project period: \$50,000/12 months)

Planning projects entail a collection of data to establish goals and performance measures for the operation of current health programs or anticipated PSFAs under a Title I contract. Planning will specify the design of health programs and the management systems (including appropriate policies and procedures) to accomplish the health priorities of the Tribe/Tribal organization. For example, planning could include the development of a Tribal Specific Health Plan or a Strategic Health Plan, *etc.* Please note: The Public Health Service urges applicants submitting strategic health plans to address specific objectives of Healthy People 2010. Interested applicants may purchase a copy of Healthy People 2010 (Summary Report in print; Stock No. 017–001–00547–9) or CD-ROM (Stock No. 107–001–00549–5) through the

Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7945, or (202) 512-1800. This information is available in electronic form at the following Web site: <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/publications>.

3. *Evaluation Study* (Maximum funding/project period: \$50,000/12 months)

The Evaluation Study must include a systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of data for the purpose of determining the value of a program. The extent of the evaluation study could relate to the goals and objectives, policies and procedures, or programs regarding targeted groups. The evaluation study could also be used to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of a Tribal program operation (*i.e.* direct services, financial management, personnel, data collection and analysis, third-party billing, *etc.*) as well as determine the appropriateness of new components to a Tribal program operation that will assist Tribal efforts to improve the health care delivery systems.

4. *Health Management Structure* (Average funding/project period: \$100,000/12 months; maximum funding/project period: \$300,000/36 months)

The first year maximum is limited to \$150,000 for multi-year projects. Health Management Structure allows for implementation of systems to manage or organize PSFAs. Management structures include health department organizations, health boards, and financial management systems including systems for accounting, personnel, third-party billing, medical records, management information systems, *etc.* This includes the design, improvements and correction of management systems that address weaknesses identified through quality control measures, internal control reviews and audit report findings under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-133—Revised June 27, 2003, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.” OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>.

25 CFR Part 900, “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments,” Subpart F—“Standards for Tribal or Tribal Organization Management Systems” sections (900.35–900.60) is available at the following Web site locations: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/25cfr900_04.html, or <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/TMG/Forms.asp>.

5. Please see Section IV “Application and Submission Information” for information on how to obtain a copy of the TMG application package.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations as defined by Public Law 93-638, ISDEAA, as amended. The definitions for each entity type are outlined below. Only one application per Tribe or Tribal organization is allowed. This paragraph should be cross-referenced with Section IV. (Application and Submission Information/Subsection 3, Content and Form of Narrative Submission).

Definitions

Indian Tribe means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village, village or regional, or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) [43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. 25 U.S.C. 450b(e).

Tribal organization includes a recognized governing body of any Indian Tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities: provided, that in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefitting more than one Indian Tribe, the approval of each such Indian Tribe shall be a prerequisite to the letting or making of such contract or grant. 25 U.S.C. 450b(l).

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching*—The TMG Program does not require matching funds or cost sharing. However, in accordance with Public Law 93-638 section 103(c), the TMG funds may be used as matching shares for any other Federal grant programs that develop Tribal capabilities to contract for the administration and operation of health programs.

3. Other Requirements.

The following documentation is required:

A. *Tribal Resolution*—A resolution of the Indian Tribe served by the project

must accompany the application submission. The IHS will accept the following as proper documentation:

- If an official signed (passed) Tribal resolution encompassing the scope of this grant application is not available for electronic submission with the application on Grants.gov by the deadline, a draft resolution must be submitted as a place holder and as evidence of the intent of the entity. However, the draft resolution must be followed up with the submission of a faxed, FedEx, or e-mailed pdf version of the final official signed Tribal resolution. The final signed resolution must be received by the Division of Grants Operations (DGO) by October 1, 2010. Otherwise, the application will be considered incomplete, ineligible for review, and returned to the applicant without consideration. It is recommended that applicants submitting the signed final resolution should ensure the information was received by the IHS by retaining documentation confirming delivery or receipt (*i.e.* fax transmittal receipt, FedEx tracking, postal return receipt, e-mail receipt, *etc.*).

- An Indian Tribe that is proposing a project affecting another Indian Tribe must include resolutions from all affected Tribes to be served.

- Applications by Tribal organizations will not require a specific Tribal resolution if the current Tribal resolution(s) under which they operate would encompass the proposed grant activities. A copy of that resolution must be provided for review.

- Letter of Authorization per Tribal governance requirements in lieu of a Tribal Resolution will be accepted. Evidence that the Tribe has converted to this means must be provided.

- Tribal organizations applying for technical assistance and/or training grants must submit documentation that the Tribal organization is applying upon the request of the Indian Tribe/Tribes it intends to serve.

B. Documentation for Priority I Participation requires a copy of the **Federal Register** notice or letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs verifying establishment of Federal Tribal status within the last five years. Date must reflect that Federal recognition was received during or after March 2005.

C. Documentation for Priority II Participation requires a copy of the transmittal letter and Attachment A from the OIG, NEARC, HHS. See “FUNDING PRIORITIES” in Section I for more information. If an applicant is unable to locate a copy of their most recent transmittal letter or needs assistance with audit issues,

information or technical assistance may be obtained by contacting the IHS Division of Audit Resolution (DAR) at (301) 443-7301, or the NEARC help line at (800) 732-0679 or (816) 426-7720. The auditor may also have the information/documentation required.

Federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Tribally-sanctioned Tribal organizations not subject to Single Audit Act requirements must provide a financial statement identifying the Federal dollars in the footnotes. The financial statement must also identify specific weaknesses/recommendations that will be addressed in the TMG proposal and that are related to 25 CFR Part 900, "Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments," Subpart F—"Standards for Tribal and Tribal Organizations."

- Documentation of Consortium Participation—If an Indian Tribe submitting an application is a member of a consortium, the Tribe must:
 - Identify the consortium.
 - Indicate if the consortium intends to submit a TMG application.
 - Demonstrate that the Tribe's application does not duplicate or overlap any objectives of the consortium's application.
- Identify all of the consortium member Tribes.
- Identify if any of the member Tribes intend to submit a TMG application of their own.
- Demonstrate that the consortium's application does not duplicate or overlap any objectives of the other consortium members who may be submitting their own TMG application.

Please refer to Section IV. Application and Submission Information, particularly Item 6 "Funding Restrictions" and Section V. "Application Review Information" for more information regarding other application submission information and/or requirements.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. The Application Package May Be Found in Grants.gov

(<http://www.grants.gov>) or at: <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/>. The entire grant application package and accompanying instructions are at: <http://www.grants.gov>.

2. IHS Contacts

Programmatic Concerns

Ms. Patricia Spotted Horse, Program Analyst, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes (ODSCT), Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue,

Suite 220, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 443-1104 (Telephone), (301) 443-4666 (Fax), and e-mail address: Patricia.SpottedHorse@IHS.GOV.

Business Concerns

Please contact Mr. Pallop Chareonvootitam, Grants Management Specialist, (301) 443-5204 (Telephone), (301) 443-9602 (Fax), and e-mail address: Pallop.Chareonvootitam@IHS.GOV.

The Division of Grants Operations (DGO) is the official receipt point for grant applications (electronic and paper). The address for hardcopy applications is as follows: Division of Grants Operations, Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP 360, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

GRANTS.GOV Contact for IHS

Information regarding the electronic grants.gov process, issues, and waiver requests may be obtained from the following contact person: Ms. Tammy Bagley, Senior Grants Policy Analyst, Division of Grants Policy (DGP), Indian Health Service, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP 625, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 443-5204 (Telephone) and e-mail address: Tammy.Bagley@ihs.gov.

3. Content and Form of Narrative Submission

- Abstract (one page) summarizing the project.
- Introduction and Need for Assistance.
- Project Objective(s), Approach and Results and Benefits.
- Project Evaluation.
- Organizational Capabilities and Qualifications.
- Be typewritten and single spaced.
- Use black type not smaller than 12 characters per one inch.
- Margins must not be less than one inch.
- Have consecutively numbered pages.
- Contain a narrative that does not exceed 14 typed pages that includes the other submission requirements below. The 14-page narrative does not include the abstract, the work plan, standard forms, Tribal resolution(s), table of contents, budget, budget justifications, multi-year narratives, multi-year budget, multi-year budget justification, and/or other appendix items.

Public Policy Requirements: All Federal-wide public policies apply to IHS grants with exception of Lobbying and Discrimination policy.

4. Submission Dates and Times

Applications are to be submitted electronically through Grants.gov on

Friday, August 6, 2010 by 12 midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any application received after the application deadline will not be accepted for processing and will be returned to the applicants without further consideration for funding.

If technical challenges arise and the applicant needs help with the electronic application process, contact Grants.gov Customer Support via e-mail at support@grants.gov or at (800) 518-4726. Customer support is available to address questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except on Federal holidays). If problems persist, contact Ms. Tammy Bagley, Senior Grants Policy Analyst, (DGP) at Tammy.Bagley@ihs.gov or (301) 443-5204 at least 10 days prior to the application deadline. Please do not call Ms. Bagley until you have received a Grants.gov tracking number. All waiver requests must be made in writing (e-mails are acceptable). A written approval must be obtained from the DGP before submitting a paper application. A copy of the written approval must be submitted along with the hardcopy that is mailed to the DGO (Refer to Section IV to obtain the mailing address), Attention: Ms. Kimberly Pendleton. The DGO requires a hardcopy of the original application and two copies. Paper applications that are submitted without proof of an approved waiver will be returned to the applicant. Late applications will not be accepted for processing and will be returned to the applicant without further consideration for funding.

5. Intergovernmental Review

Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review is not applicable to this program.

6. Funding Restrictions

- Pre-award costs are not allowable.
- The available funds are inclusive of direct and indirect costs.
- Only one grant will be awarded per applicant.
- The TMG may not be used to support recurring operational programs or to replace existing public and private resources. Funding received under a recurring Public Law 93-638 contract cannot be totally supplanted or totally replaced. Exception is allowed to charge a portion or percentage of salaries of existing staff positions involved in implementing the TMG grant if applicable.

Ineligible Project Activities

The inclusion of the following projects or activities in an application will render the application ineligible and the application will be returned to the applicant:

- Planning and negotiating activities associated with the intent of a Tribe to enter the IHS Self-Governance Project. A separate grant program is administered by the IHS for this purpose. Prospective applicants interested in this program should contact Ms. Dawn Houle, Policy Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service, Reyes Building, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 240, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 443-7821, and request information concerning the “Tribal Self-Governance Program Planning Cooperative Agreement Announcement” or the “Negotiation Cooperative Agreement Announcement.”
- Projects related to water, sanitation, and waste management.
- Projects that include direct patient care and/or equipment to provide those medical services to be used to establish or augment or continue direct patient clinical care are not allowable. Medical equipment that is allowable under the Special Diabetes Grant Program is not allowable under the TMG Program. This also includes recruitment efforts for direct patient care services.
- Projects that include long-term care or provision of any direct services. Projects that include tuition, fees, or stipends for certification or training of staff to provide direct services.
- Projects that include pre-planning, design, and planning of construction for facilities, including activities relating to program justification documents.
- Projects that propose more than one project type. Please see Section II, “Award Information,” specifically “ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, MAXIMUM FUNDING AND PROJECT PERIODS” for more information. An example of a proposal with more than one project type that would be considered ineligible may include the creation of a strategic health plan (defined by TMG as a planning project type) and improving third-party billing structures (defined by TMG as a health management structure project type). Multi-year applications that include in the first year planning, evaluation or feasibility activities with the remainder of the project years addressing management structure are also deemed ineligible.
 - *Other Limitations*—A current TMG recipient cannot be awarded a new, renewal, or competing continuation grant for any of the following reasons:
 - A grantee may not administer two TMGs at the same time or have

overlapping project/budget periods (however, allowance will be made to accommodate the completion of one TMG grant prior to beginning a new award, if applicable);

- The current project is not progressing in a satisfactory manner;
- The current project is not in compliance with program and financial reporting requirements; or
- *Delinquent Federal Debts*: No award shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:
 - The delinquent account is paid in full; or
 - A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received.

7. Other Submission Requirements

Electronic Submission—The preferred method for receipt of applications is electronic submission through Grants.gov. **Note:** All IHS application packages are posted in Adobe. Therefore, please make sure that your entity uses a compatible version to save and submit the application or submission errors will occur. Should any technical challenges arise regarding the submission, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at (800) 518-4726 or support@grants.gov. The Contact Center hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The contact center is closed on Federal holidays.

Applicants that do not adhere to the timelines for Central Contractor Registry (CCR) and/or Grants.gov registration and/or request timely assistance from DGP or Grants.gov will not be a candidate to obtain a waiver from the electronic process. Applicants must plan ahead.

To submit an application electronically, please use the <http://www.Grants.gov> “Apply for Grants” link on the homepage. Download a copy of the application package on the Grants.gov Web site, complete it offline and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to IHS.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Paper applications are not the preferred method. However, if you have technical problems submitting your application on-line, please contact directly Grants.gov Customer Support at: <http://www.Grants.gov/CustomerSupport>.
- Upon contacting Grants.gov, obtain a tracking number as proof of contact. The tracking number is helpful if there are technical issues that cannot be resolved and a waiver request from Grants Policy must be obtained.

- Upon entering the Grants.gov site, there is available information that outlines the requirements to the applicant regarding electronic submission of an application through Grants.gov, as well as the hours of operation.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov as the registration process for CCR and Grants.gov could take up to fifteen working days.

- In order to use Grants.gov, you, as the applicant, must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and must register in the CCR. You should allow a minimum of ten working days to complete CCR registration. See below on how to apply.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance, and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Please use the optional attachment feature in Grants.gov to attach additional documentation that may be requested by IHS.

- Final signed Tribal resolutions must be submitted no later than October 1, 2010, if a draft resolution was submitted with the initial electronic or paper application.

- The narrative section of your application cannot exceed the 14-page limitation requirements described in the program announcement.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. The IHS DGO will retrieve your application from Grants.gov. The DGO will not notify applicants that the application has been received.

- You must search for the downloadable application package utilizing Grants.gov FIND to search for the CFDA number 93.228.

DUNS Number

Applicants are required to obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal Government. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access <http://www.dnb.com/us/> or call (866) 705-5711. Interested parties may wish to obtain their DUNS number by phone to expedite the process.

Applicants who intend to submit electronically must also be registered with the CCR. A DUNS number is required before CCR registration can be completed. Many organizations may already have a DUNS number. Please use the number listed above to investigate whether or not your organization has a DUNS number. Registration with the CCR is free of charge.

Applicants may register by calling (866) 606-8220. Please review and complete the CCR Registration Worksheet located on <http://www.Grants.gov/CCRRegister>.

More detailed information regarding these registration processes can be found at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

V. Application Review Information

The instructions for preparing the application narrative also constitute the evaluation criteria for reviewing and scoring the application. Weights assigned to each section are noted in parentheses. The 14-page narrative should include only the first year of activities; and information for multi-year projects should be included as an appendix. See "MULTI-YEAR PROJECT REQUIREMENTS" at the end of this section for more information.

1. Abstract—One Page Summary

A. Criteria

INTRODUCTION AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE (20 Points)

(1) Describe the Tribe's/Tribal organization's current health operation. Include what programs and services are currently provided (*i.e.*, Federally funded, State funded, *etc.*), information regarding technologies currently used (*i.e.*, hardware, software, services, *etc.*), and identify the source(s) of technical support for those technologies (*i.e.*, Tribal staff, Area Office, vendor, *etc.*). Include information regarding whether the Tribe/Tribal organization has a health department and/or health board and how long it has been operating.

(2) Describe the population to be served by the proposed project. Include a description of the number of IHS eligible beneficiaries who currently use services.

(3) Describe the geographic location of the proposed project including any geographic barriers to the health care users in the area to be served.

(4) Identify all TMGs received since FY 2005, dates of funding and summary of project accomplishments. State how previous TMG funds facilitated the progression of health development relative to the current proposed project. (Copies of reports will not be accepted.)

(5) Identify the eligible project type and priority group of the applicant.

(6) Explain the reason for your proposed project by identifying specific gaps or weaknesses in services or infrastructure that will be addressed by the proposed project. Explain how these gaps/weaknesses were discovered. If the proposed project includes information technology (*i.e.*, hardware, software, *etc.*), provide further information regarding measures taken or to be taken that ensure the proposed project will not create other gaps in services or infrastructure (*i.e.*, IHS interface capability, Government Performance and Results Act reporting requirements, contract reporting requirements, Information Technology (IT) compatibility, *etc.*).

(7) Describe the effect of the proposed project on current programs (*i.e.*, Federally funded, State funded, *etc.*) and, if applicable, on current equipment (*i.e.*, hardware, software, services, *etc.*). Include the effect of the proposed project on planned/anticipated programs and/or equipment.

(8) Address how the proposed project relates to the purpose of the TMG Program by addressing the appropriate description that follows:

- Identify if the Tribe/Tribal organization is an IHS Title I contractor. Address if the self-determination contract is a master contract of several programs or if individual contracts are used for each program. Include information regarding whether or not the Tribe participates in a consortium contract (*i.e.*, more than one Tribe participating in a contract). Address what programs are currently provided through those contracts and how the proposed project will enhance the organization's capacity to manage the contracts currently in place.

- Identify if the Tribe/Tribal organization is an IHS Title V compactor. Address when the Tribe/Tribal organization entered into the compact and how the proposed project will further enhance the organization's management capabilities.

- Identify if the Tribe/Tribal organization is not a Title I or Title V organization. Address how the proposed project will enhance the organization's management capabilities, what programs and services the organization is currently seeking to contract and an anticipated date for contract.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S), WORKPLAN AND CONSULTANTS (40 Points)

A. Identify the proposed project objective(s) addressing the following:

- Measurable and (if applicable) quantifiable.

- Results oriented.
- Time-limited.

Example: By installing new software, the Tribe will increase the number of bills processed by 15 percent at the end of 12 months.

B. Address how the proposed project will result in change or improvement in program operations or processes for each proposed project objective. Also address what tangible products are expected from the project (*i.e.* policies and procedures manual, health plan, *etc.*).

C. Address the extent to which the proposed project will build the local capacity to provide, improve, or expand services that address the need(s) of the target population.

D. Submit a workplan in the appendix which includes the following information:

- Provide the action steps on a timeline for accomplishing the proposed project objective(s).
- Identify who will perform the action steps.
- Identify who will supervise the action steps taken.
- Identify who will accept and/or approve work products at the end of the proposed project.
- Include any training that will take place during the proposed project and who will be attending the training.
- Include evaluation activities planned.

E. If consultants or contractors will be used during the proposed project, please include the following information in their scope of work (or note if consultants/contractors will not be used):

- Educational requirements.
- Desired qualifications and work experience.
- Expected work products to be delivered on a timeline.

If a potential consultant/contractor has already been identified, please include a resume in the Appendix.

F. Describe what updates (*i.e.*, revision of policies/procedures, upgrades, technical support, *etc.*) will be required for the continued success of the proposed project. Include when these updates are anticipated and where funds will come from to conduct the update and/or maintenance.

PROJECT EVALUATION (15 Points)

Describe the proposed plan to evaluate both outcomes and process. Outcome evaluation relates to the results identified in the objectives, and process evaluation relates to the workplan and activities of the project.

A. For outcome evaluation, describe:

- What will the criteria be for determining success of each objective?
 - What data will be collected to determine whether the objective was met?
 - At what intervals will data be collected?
 - Who will collect the data and their qualifications?
 - How will the data be analyzed?
 - How will the results be used?
- B. For process evaluation, describe:
- How will the project be monitored and assessed for potential problems and needed quality improvements?
 - Who will be responsible for monitoring and managing project improvements based on results of ongoing process improvements and their qualifications?
 - How will ongoing monitoring be used to improve the project?
 - Describe any products, such as manuals or policies, that might be developed and how they might lend themselves to replication by others.
 - How will the organization document what is learned throughout the project period?
- C. Describe any evaluation efforts planned after the grant period has ended.

D. Describe the ultimate benefit to the Tribe that is expected to result from this project. An example of this might be the ability of the Tribe to expand preventive health services because of increased billing and third party payments.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS (15 Points)

- A. Describe the organizational structure of the Tribe/Tribal organization beyond health care activities.
- B. Provide information regarding plans to obtain management systems if the Tribe/Tribal organization does not have an established management system currently in place that complies with 25 CFR Part 900, Subpart F, "Standards for Tribal Management Systems." If management systems are already in place, simply state it and how long the systems have been in place.
- C. Describe the ability of the organization to manage the proposed project. Include information regarding similarly sized projects in scope and financial assistance as well as other grants and projects successfully completed.
- D. Describe what equipment (*i.e.*, fax machine, phone, computer, *etc.*) and facility space (*i.e.*, office space) will be available for use during the proposed project. Include information about any equipment not currently available that will be purchased through the grant.

E. List key personnel who will work on the project. Include all titles of key personnel in the workplan. In the appendix, include position descriptions and resumes for all key personnel. Position descriptions should clearly describe each position and duties, indicating desired qualifications and experience requirements related to the proposed project. Resumes must indicate that the proposed staff member is qualified to carry out the proposed project activities. If a position is to be filled, indicate that information on the proposed position description.

F. If the project requires additional personnel (*i.e.*, IT support, *etc.*), address how the Tribe/Tribal organization will sustain the position(s) after the grant expires. (If there is no need for additional personnel, simply state it.)

CATEGORICAL BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (10 Points)

A. Provide a categorical budget for each of the 12-month budget periods requested.

B. If indirect costs are claimed, indicate and apply the current negotiated rate to the budget. Include a copy of the rate agreement in the appendix.

C. Provide a narrative justification explaining why each categorical budget line item is necessary/relevant to the proposed project. Include sufficient cost and other details to facilitate the determination of cost allowability (*i.e.*, equipment specifications, *etc.*).

Multi-Year Project Requirements

For projects requiring a second and/or third year, include only Year 2 and/or Year 3 narrative sections (objectives, evaluation components and work plan) that differ from those in Year 1. For every project year include a full budget justification and detailed, itemized categorical budget showing calculation methodologies for each item. The same weights and criteria which are used to evaluate a one-year project or the first year of a multi-year project will be applied when evaluating the second and third years of a multi-year application. Refer to Section V. Application Review Information. A weak second and/or third year submission could negatively impact the overall score of an application and result in elimination of the proposed second and/or third years with a recommendation for only a one-year award.

Appendix Items

- A. Work plan for proposed objectives.
- B. Position descriptions for key staff.
- C. Resumes of key staff that reflect current duties.

D. Consultant proposed scope of work (if applicable).

E. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

F. Organizational chart (optional).

G. Multi-Year Project Requirements (if applicable).

2. Review and Selection Process

In addition to the above criteria/requirements, applications are considered according to the following:

A. Application Submission (Application Deadline: August 6, 2010)

Applications received in advance of or by the deadline and verified by the tracking number will be prescreened by DGO staff for eligibility and completeness to confirm that:

- The applicant and proposed project type is eligible in accordance with this grant announcement;
- The application is not a duplication of a previously funded project; and
- The application narrative, forms, and materials submitted meet the requirements of the announcement allowing the review panel to undertake an in-depth evaluation; otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete and ineligible and will be returned. Ineligible applications are not reviewed but will receive a letter of ineligibility and explanation from the DGO.

B. Competitive Review of Eligible Applications (Objective Review: October 4–8, 2010)

Applications meeting eligibility requirements that are complete, responsive and conform to this program announcement will be reviewed for merit using an Ad Hoc Objective Review Committee (ORC) appointed by the ODSCT to review and make recommendations on these applications. The review will be conducted in accordance with the HHS Objective Review Guidelines. The technical review process ensures selection of quality projects in a national competition for limited funding. Applications will be evaluated and scored on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed in Section V.1. The criteria are used to evaluate the quality of a proposed project, determine the likelihood of success and to assign a numerical score to each application. The scoring of approved applications will assist the IHS in ranking the proposals and determining which proposals will be funded and reviewed by the DGO for cost analysis and further recommendation. All applications that are reviewed and that receive a score of 60 points or above will be ranked and recommended for funding. All awards that are issued under this

announcement are subject to the availability of funds. The program official accepts the DGO recommendations for consideration when funding applications. The program official will forward the final approved ranking list to the Director, ODSCT, for final review and approval. Applications that score below 60 points will be disapproved. Applications that are approved but not funded due to budgetary constraints will not be carried over into the next cycle for funding consideration.

3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

The earliest award start date will be January 1, 2011.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

ORC Results Notification: November 12, 2010.

Applicants whose applications are declared ineligible will receive written notification from the DGO of the ineligibility determination. The ineligible notification will include information regarding the rationale for the ineligible decision citing specific information from the original grant application. Those applicants who are approved and recommended for funding, approved but unfunded and those who are disapproved will receive a copy of the Executive Summary which identifies the weaknesses and strengths of the application submitted. Applicants who are approved and recommended for funding will be notified through the official Notice of Award (NoA) document issued by the DGO. The NoA will be signed by the Grants Management Officer and is the authorizing document for notifying grant recipients of funding. The NoA will state the amount of Federal funds awarded, the purpose of the grant, the terms and conditions that govern the grant award, the effective date of the award, the project period, and the budget period. Pre-award costs are not allowable charges under this program grant.

2. Administrative Requirements

Grants are administrated in accordance with the following regulations, policies, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cost principles:

A. The Criteria as Outlined in This Funding Opportunity Announcement

B. Administrative/Program Regulations for Grants

- *45 CFR Part 92*—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Tribal Governments.
- *45 CFR Part 74*—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Awards and Sub-awards to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Non-Profit Organizations, and Commercial Organizations.
- *42 CFR Part 136*—Indian Health.

C. Grants Policy

- HHS Grants Policy Statement, Revised 01/2007.

D. Cost Principles

- *OMB Circular A-87*—State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments (Title 2 Part 225).
- *OMB Circular A-122*—Non-Profit Organizations (Title 2 Part 230).

E. Audit Requirements

- *OMB Circular A-133*—Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

3. Indirect Costs

This section applies to all grant recipients that request indirect costs in their application. In accordance with HHS Grants Policy Statement, Part II-27, IHS requires applicants to have a current indirect cost rate agreement in place prior to award. The rate agreement must be prepared in accordance with the applicable cost principles and guidance as provided by the cognizant agency or office. A current rate means the rate covering the applicable activities and the award budget period. If the current rate is not on file with the awarding office, the award shall include funds for reimbursement of indirect costs. However, the indirect cost portion will remain restricted until the current rate is provided to the DGO.

Generally, indirect costs rates for IHS are negotiated with two cognizant agencies; the Division of Cost Allocation (DCA)/HHS <http://rates.psc.gov/> and National Business Center (NBC)/Department of the Interior <http://www.aqd.nbc.gov/Services/ICS.aspx>. If your organization has questions regarding the indirect cost policy, please contact the DGO at (301) 443-5204.

4. Reporting

A. *Progress Report.* Program progress reports will be required semi-annually. Semi-annual program progress reports must be submitted within 30 days of the

conclusion of the first six months of the budget period and again at the end of the budget period. These reports will include a brief comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period, reasons for slippage (if applicable), and other pertinent information as required. A final report must be submitted within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period.

B. *Financial Status Reports.* Financial status reports will be required semi-annually. Semi-annual financial status reports must be submitted within 30 days after the reporting period ends. Final financial status reports are due within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period. Standard Form 269 (long form) will be used for financial reporting.

C. *Reports.* Grantees are responsible and accountable for accurate and timely reporting of the Progress Reports and Financial Status Reports which are generally due semi-annually. Financial Status Reports (SF-269) are due 90 days after each budget period and the final SF-269 must reflect an accumulative total of all expenditures and authorizations for the life of the project. Grantees must refer to the terms and conditions of their award to obtain details regarding their reporting requirements. Grantees are required to contact their Grants Management Specialist with any questions regarding reporting requirements.

Failure to submit required reports within the time allowed may result in suspension or termination of an active grant, withholding of additional awards for the project, or other enforcement actions such as withholding of payments or converting to the reimbursement method of payment. Continued failure to submit required reports may result in one or both of the following: (1) The imposition of special award provisions; and (2) the non-funding or non-award of other eligible projects or activities. This applies whether the delinquency is attributable to the failure of the grantee organization or the individual responsible for preparation of the reports.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

Interested parties may obtain TMG programmatic information from the TMG Program Coordinator listed under Section IV of this program announcement. Grant-related and business management information may be obtained from the Grants Management Specialist listed under Section IV of this program announcement. Grants.gov submission concerns and waiver requests may be

addressed by Ms. Tammy Bagley, DGP. Contact information is noted under Section IV of this program announcement. Please note that the telephone numbers provided are not toll-free.

VIII. Other Information

Training

The TMG Program official will conduct pre-award training sessions to provide limited technical assistance to applicants in preparing their FY 2011 TMG applications. There will be two 2-day training sessions. In addition, there will be one 5-day training session on Grantsmanship. The 5-day training session will provide participants with basic grant writing skills, information regarding where to search for funding opportunities, and the opportunity to begin writing a TMG grant proposal. The 2-day training sessions will focus specifically on the TMG requirements providing participants with information contained in this announcement, clarifying any issues/questions applicants may have and critiquing

project ideas. Also, a half-day WebEx focusing on TMG program requirements will be conducted on June 3, 2010.

Priority will be given to groups eligible to apply for the TMG Program. Participation is limited to two personnel from each Tribe or Tribal organization. All sessions are first come—first serve with the above limitations noted. All participants are responsible for making and paying for their own travel arrangements. Interested parties should register with the TMG staff prior to making travel arrangements to ensure space is available in the selected session. There is no registration fee to attend the training session(s). The registration form may be obtained from the TMG Web site at: <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/tmg/Training.asp>. The registration form may be faxed to (301) 443-4666. **Note:** A minimum of ten attendees is required for the IHS to conduct the training sessions. The anticipated training dates and locations are listed below in chronological order:

- April 21–22, 2010—Rockville, MD (Limit 30) (TMG Training).

- May 5–6, 2010—Minneapolis, MN (Limit 25) (TMG Training).

- May 17–21, 2010—Albuquerque, New Mexico (Limit 25) (The Grantsmanship Center Training).

- June 3, 2010—Two-Hour WebEx (Limit 50) (TMG Training).

IHS Checklist

The following IHS Checklist is included to assist applicants in proposal preparation and follow-up. Applicants are highly encouraged to employ this checklist for their benefit and to submit it as part of their proposal as an attachment in Grants.gov to allow for verification of receipt. This checklist will be utilized by the DGO during their initial screening for eligibility and will be utilized by the ODSCT during their programmatic review for content of the application to ensure required items requested are submitted and the application is eligible for further review via the ORC. This checklist is available on the TMG Web site at <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/tmg/>.

IHS FY 2011 TRIBAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicant Name: _____

Application Tracking Number: _____

Electronic Submission: _____ Signed Paper Submission: _____ Waiver Obtained: _____

Title I: _____ Title V: _____ Project Type: _____

Item	Applicant	Grants	Programs
1. IHS FY 2011 TMG Checklist	_____	_____	_____
2. Eligibility: (circle) Tribe Tribal Organization	_____	_____	_____
3. 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization	_____	_____	_____
4. Tribal Resolution or Letter of Authorization (as defined in the announcement)			
a. Final signed Tribal Resolution is due on or before October 1, 2010	_____	_____	_____
b. Draft unsigned resolution is due August 6, 2010 (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
5. Priority I Documentation (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
6. Priority II Documentation (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
7. Consortium Participation Documentation (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
8. SF 424 Application for Federal Assistance	_____	_____	_____
9. SF 424A Budget - Non Construction	_____	_____	_____
10. SF 424B Assurances	_____	_____	_____
11. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	_____	_____	_____
12. Abstract	_____	_____	_____
13. Project Narrative Items a. - e. (14 pages maximum)			
a. Introduction and Need for Assistance.	_____	_____	_____
b. Project Objective(s), Workplan & Consultants.	_____	_____	_____
c. Project Evaluation.	_____	_____	_____
d. Organizational Capabilities and Qualifications.	_____	_____	_____
e. Categorical Budget & Budget Justification.	_____	_____	_____
14. Multi-year Summary & Budget Justification			
15. APPENDICES			
a. Work plan for proposed objectives.	_____	_____	_____
b. Position descriptions for key staff.	_____	_____	_____
c. Resumes of key staff that reflect current duties.	_____	_____	_____
d. Consultant proposed scope of work (if applicable).	_____	_____	_____
e. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.	_____	_____	_____
f. Organizational chart (optional).	_____	_____	_____
g. Multi-Year Project Requirements (if applicable).	_____	_____	_____

Applicant Signature/Date: _____

Grants Management Signature/Date: _____

Program Office Signature/Date: _____

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of the facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the HHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

Dated: March 30, 2010.

Yvette Roubideaux,
Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics, (BSC, NCHS)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

Times and Dates: 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m., April 22, 2010. 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m., April 23, 2010.

Place: NCHS Headquarters, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

Status: This meeting is open to the public; however, visitors must be processed in accordance with established Federal policies and procedures. For foreign nationals or non-US citizens, pre-approval is required (please contact Althelia Harris, 301-458-4261, adw1@cdc.gov or Virginia Cain, vcain@cdc.gov at least 10 days in advance for requirements). All visitors are required to present a valid form of picture identification issued by a State, Federal or international government. As required by the Federal Property Management Regulations, Title 41, Code of Federal Regulation, Subpart 101-20.301, all persons entering in or on Federal controlled property and their packages, briefcases, and other containers in their immediate possession are subject to being x-rayed and inspected. Federal law prohibits the knowing possession or the causing to be present of firearms, explosives and other dangerous weapons and illegal substances. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing advice and making recommendations to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services;

the Director, CDC; and the Director, NCHS, regarding the scientific and technical program goals and objectives, strategies, and priorities of NCHS.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include welcome remarks by the Director, NCHS; review of the National Survey of Family Growth program; and an open session for comments from the public.

Requests to make oral presentations should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed below. All requests must contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter.

Written comments should not exceed five single-spaced typed pages in length and must be received by April 15, 2010.

The agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information:
Virginia S. Cain, PhD, Director of Extramural Research, NCHS/CDC, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 7211, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4500, fax (301) 458-4020.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: March 30, 2010.

Elaine L. Baker,
Management Analysis and Services Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2010-0160]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the Lift Boat GARY CHIASSEON ELEVATOR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that a Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued for the lift boat GARY CHIASSEON ELEVATOR as required by 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this notice is available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also

find this docket on the Internet by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2010-0160 in the "Keyword" box, and then clicking "Search."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call CWO2 David Mauldin, District Eight, Prevention Branch, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 504-671-2153. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

A Certificate of Alternative Compliance, as allowed under Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 81 and 89, has been issued for the lift boat GARY CHIASSEON ELEVATOR. The Certificate of Alternative Compliance permits the masthead light to be offset from the centerline 6' to port. Placing the masthead light on the centerline as required by Rule 21 (a) of 72 COLREGS, and Rule 21 (a) of the Inland Rules Act, would result in a masthead light obstructed by the forward leg of the lift boat. In addition the sidelights may be located on the outermost edges of the top of the pilothouse. Due to the pilothouse being offset to port, the sidelights will also be offset to port. The port sidelight will be located 16.5' from the centerline and the starboard sidelight will be located 11.5' from the centerline. Both sidelights will be located greater than 10% inboard the greatest breadth of the vessel and 19' forward of the masthead light. Placing the sidelights in the locations required by Annex I, paragraph 3(b) of 72 COLREGS, and Annex I, paragraph 84.05(b) of the Inland Rules Act would expose the sidelights to probable damage from the cranes. Furthermore, the stern light may be located on the main mast above the pilothouse, 56' forward from the aft end of the vessel. Placing the stern light closer to the aft end of the vessel as required by Rule 21 (c) of 72 COLREGS, and Rule 21 (c) of the Inland Rules Act, would result in a stern light location exposed to damage from cargo and crane activity of the main deck working area of the vessel.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: March 8, 2010.

By Direction of the Commander.

J. W. Johnson,
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief,
Inspections and Investigations Branch, Eighth
Coast Guard District.

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