Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Economic Studies of Immunization Policies and Practices

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**FOA#: RFA-IP-15-001**

The purpose of this funding announcement is to obtain economic information about vaccines and immunization policies, programs, and practices using economic and decision analyses and other appropriate methods. The results of these economic studies will be used to help inform policy and the development of effective interventions.

Three studies will be conducted:

- **The goal of Study 1** is to better understand the financial, economic, and epidemiologic relationships between vaccine preventable infectious diseases and chronic disease(s) in adult populations, and the opportunity costs for immunization of failure to prevent chronic diseases. The specific vaccine-preventable disease(s) (VPD) and chronic disease(s) in the first study may include, but need not be limited to: influenza and pneumococcal diseases and diabetes.

- **The goal of Study 2** is to proportionally attribute the health and economic burden of norovirus disease by viral strain, route of transmission, specific food commodities, and contamination pathways. A cost analysis will allow rapid conduct of necessary cost-effectiveness, cost-utility, and cost-benefit analyses as soon as vaccines are available.

- **The goal of Study 3** is to develop a better understanding of health and economic issues related to provider reimbursement for adult vaccination services and their effects on vaccination of adults.

The awardee should be able to assemble a research team with demonstrated experience in conducting vaccine policy analysis and health economic studies of vaccine preventable diseases from multiple perspectives. The awardee’s team should also be capable of employing multiple methods including benefit-cost analysis, contingent valuation, and conjoint analysis/discrete choice experiments. Economic and decision analyses conducted from a societal perspective and sub-perspectives should be the main research approaches used.

The application should include a translation plan that describes how the significant findings resulting from this work may be used to promote, enhance, or advance translation of the research to practice or to inform policy.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**

One application per institution is allowed.
KEY DATES
Internal Letter of Intent Due: January 19, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: March 3, 2015

SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in applying are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.
1. Click here to access the form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-CDC-Economics-2015”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6252023_1-t_e0P0lfg9.
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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