DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC Office of Financial Resources
2920 Brandywine Road
Atlanta, GA 30341

NOTICE OF AWARD
AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)
42 USC 241 31 USC 6305 42 CFR 52

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

a. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only
   141,013.00

b. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation

   a. Salaries and Wages .......................... 60,305.00
   b. Fringe Benefits ............................ 29,378.00
   c. Total Personnel Costs ....................... 89,683.00
   d. Equipment .................................. 0.00
   e. Supplies .................................... 20,373.00
   f. Travel ...................................... 6,953.00
   g. Construction ................................. 0.00
   h. Other ...................................... 2,839.00
   i. Contractual ................................. 0.00
   j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS ...................... 119,848.00
   k. INDIRECT COSTS ......................... 21,165.00
   l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET ............ 141,013.00

m. Federal Share .......................... 141,013.00
n. Non-Federal Share .......................... 0.00

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

   a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11a) 141,013.00
   b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods
   c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period
   d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION 141,013.00
   e. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period 423,039.00

13. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT

   (Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):

   a. 4
   b. 7
   c. 8
   d. 6
   e. 9

14. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

   a. DEDUCTION
   b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
   c. MATCHING
   d. OTHER RESEARCH (Addl. Deduct Option)
   e. OTHER (See REMARKS)

15. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

   a. The grant program legislation
   b. The grant program regulations.
   c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
   d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to the grant.

   In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantees when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

   X Yes

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL: Tiffany Mannings
Direct Assistance

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1. Terms and Conditions
2. Technical Review
**AWARD INFORMATION**

**Incorporation:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hereby incorporates Notice of Funding Opportunity number OE15-1502, entitled The National Surveillance Program: Enhancing Syndromic Surveillance Capacity and Practice, and application dated April 7, 2017, as may be amended, which are hereby made a part of this Non-Research award hereinafter referred to as the Notice of Award (NoA). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant recipients must comply with all terms and conditions outlined in their NoA, including grants policy terms and conditions contained in applicable HHS Grants Policy Statements, 45 CFR Part 75, requirements imposed by program statutes and regulations, Executive Orders, and HHS grant administration regulations, as applicable; as well as any requirements or limitations in any applicable appropriations acts. The term grant is used throughout this notice and includes cooperative agreements.

**Note:** In the event that any requirement in this Notice of Award, the Notice of Funding Opportunity, the HHS Grants Policy Statement, 45 CFR Part 75, or applicable statutes/appropriations acts conflict, then statutes and regulations take precedence.

**Approved Funding:** Funding in the amount of $141,013.00 is approved for the Year 3 budget period, which is September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. All future year funding will be based on satisfactory programmatic progress and the availability of funds.

Note: Refer to the Payment Information section for draw down and Payment Management System (PMS) subaccount information.

**Award Funding:** Not funded by the Prevention and Public Health Fund

**Objective/Technical Review Statement Response Requirement:** The review comments on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal are provided as part of this award. A response to the weaknesses in these statements is not required.

**Program Income:** Any program income generated under this grant or cooperative agreement will be used in accordance with the Addition alternative.

**Addition alternative:** Under this alternative, program income is added to the funds committed to the project/program and is used to further eligible project/program objectives.

Note: The disposition of program income must have written prior approval from the GMO.

**FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

**Indirect Costs:**

Indirect costs are approved based on the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement dated February 4, 2016 which calculates indirect costs as follows: a Provisional is approved at a rate of 23.60% of the base which includes direct salaries and wages including all fringe benefits. The effective dates of this indirect cost rate are from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

**Cost Limitations as Stated in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, and Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 (Items A through E)**

A. Cap on Salaries (Division H, Title II, General Provisions, Sec. 202): None of the funds appropriated in this title shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II.
Note: The salary rate limitation does not restrict the salary that an organization may pay an individual working under an HHS contract or order; it merely limits the portion of that salary that may be paid with Federal funds.

B. Gun Control Prohibition (Div. H, Title II, Sec. 210): None of the funds made available in this title may be used, in whole or in part, to advocate or promote gun control.

C. Lobbying Restrictions (Div. H, Title V, Sec. 503):

- 503(a): No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of Public Law 111-148 shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, electronic communication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before the Congress or any State or local legislature or legislative body, except in presentation of the Congress or any State or local legislature itself, or designed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regulation, administrative action, or order issued by the executive branch of any State or local government itself.

- 503(b): No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of Public Law 111-148 shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before the Congress or any State government, State legislature or local legislature or legislative body, other than normal and recognized executive legislative relationships or participation by an agency or officer of an State, local or tribal government in policymaking and administrative processes within the executive branch of that government.

- 503(c): The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed, pending or future Federal, State or local tax increase, or any proposed, pending, or future requirement or restriction on any legal consumer product, including its sale of marketing, including but not limited to the advocacy or promotion of gun control.


D. Needle Exchange (Div. H, Title V, Sec. 520): Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

E. Blocking access to pornography (Div. H, Title V, Sec. 521): (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography; (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

**Trafficking In Persons**: This award is subject to the requirements of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. Part 7104(g)).

**Cancel Year**: 31 U.S.C. Part 1552(a) Procedure for Appropriation Accounts Available for Definite Periods states the following, On September 30th of the 5th fiscal year after the period of availability for
obligation of a fixed appropriation account ends, the account shall be closed and any remaining balances (whether obligated or unobligated) in the account shall be canceled and thereafter shall not be available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose. An example is provided below:

Fiscal Year (FY) 17 funds will expire September 30, 2017. All FY 17 funds should be drawn down and reported to Payment Management Services (PMS) prior to September 30, 2022. After this date, corrections or cash requests will not be permitted.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR, SF-425):** The Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF-425 is required and must be submitted to your GMS/GMO no later than 90 days after the end of the budget period. To submit the FFR, login to [www.grantsolutions.gov](http://www.grantsolutions.gov), select “Reports” from the menu bar and then click on Federal Financial Reports.

The FFR for this budget period is due by November 30, 2018. Reporting timeframe is September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The FFR is cumulative and should only include those funds authorized and disbursed during the timeframe covered by the report.

Failure to submit the required information in a timely manner may adversely affect the future funding of this project. If the information cannot be provided by the due date, the recipient is required to contact the Grants Officer listed in the contacts section of this notice before the due date.

**Annual Performance Progress Reporting:** The Annual Performance Progress and Monitoring Report is due no later than 120 days prior to the end of the budget period, May 1, 2018, and serves as the continuation application for the follow-on budget period. This report should include the information specified in the solicitation from the GMS/GMO via [www.grantsolutions.gov](http://www.grantsolutions.gov).

Performance information collection initiated under this grant/cooperative agreement has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Number 0920-1132, “Performance Progress and Monitoring Report”, Expiration Date 8/31/2019.

Any change to the existing information collection will be subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**Audit Requirement**

Domestic Organizations (*including US-based organizations implementing projects with foreign components*): An organization that expends $750,000 or more in a fiscal year in Federal awards shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of 45 CFR Part 75. The audit period is an organization’s fiscal year. The audit must be completed along with a data collection form (SF-SAC), and the reporting package shall be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor’s report(s), or nine (9) months after the end of the audit period. The audit report must be sent to:

Federal Audit Clearing House Internet Data Entry System  
Electronic Submission:  
[https://harvester.census.gov/facides/(S(0vkw1zaelyzjibnahocga5i0))/account/login.aspx](https://harvester.census.gov/facides/(S(0vkw1zaelyzjibnahocga5i0))/account/login.aspx)

**AND**

Office of Grants Services, Financial Assessment and Audit Resolution Unit  
Electronic Copy to: [OGS.Audit.Resolution@cdc.gov](mailto:OGS.Audit.Resolution@cdc.gov)

After receipt of the audit report, CDC will resolve findings by issuing Final Determination Letters.
Audit requirements for Subrecipients to whom 45 CFR 75 Subpart F applies: The recipient must ensure that the subrecipients receiving CDC funds also meet these requirements. The recipient must also ensure to take appropriate corrective action within six months after receipt of the subrecipient audit report in instances of non-compliance with applicable Federal law and regulations (45 CFR 75 Subpart F and HHS Grants Policy Statement). The recipient may consider whether subrecipient audits necessitate adjustment of the recipient's own accounting records. If a subrecipient is not required to have a program-specific audit, the recipient is still required to perform adequate monitoring of subrecipient activities. The recipient shall require each subrecipient to permit the independent auditor access to the subrecipient's records and financial statements. The recipient must include this requirement in all subrecipient contracts.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA):
In accordance with 2 CFR Chapter 1, Part 170 Reporting Sub-Award And Executive Compensation Information, Prime Awardees awarded a federal grant are required to file a FFATA sub-award report by the end of the month following the month in which the prime awardee awards any sub-grant equal to or greater than $25,000.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Part 75, §75.502, a grant sub-award includes the provision of any commodities (food and non-food) to the sub-recipient where the sub-recipient is required to abide by terms and conditions regarding the use or future administration of those goods. If the sub-awardee merely consumes or utilizes the goods, the commodities are not in and of themselves considered sub-awards.

2 CFR Part 170: [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr170_main_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr170_main_02.tpl)


Reporting of First-Tier Sub-awards

Applicability: Unless you are exempt (gross income from all sources reported in last tax return is under $300,000), you must report each action that obligates $25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a sub-award to an entity.

Reporting: Report each obligating action of this award term to [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov). For sub-award information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010). You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov) specify.

Total Compensation of Recipient Executives: You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:

- The total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is $25,000 or more;
- In the preceding fiscal year, you received—
  - 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR Part 170.320 (and sub-awards); and
  - $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR Part 170.320 (and sub-awards); and
  - The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Part 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation
Report executive total compensation as part of your registration profile at http://www.sam.gov. Reports should be made at the end of the month following the month in which this award is made and annually thereafter.

Total Compensation of Sub-recipient Executives: Unless you are exempt (gross income from all sources reported in last tax return is under $300,000), for each first-tier sub-recipient under this award, you must report the names and total compensation of each of the sub-recipient's five most highly compensated executives for the sub-recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:

- In the sub-recipient’s preceding fiscal year, the sub-recipient received—
  - 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR Part 170.320 (and sub-awards); and
  - $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and sub-awards); and
  - The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Part 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm).

You must report sub-recipient executive total compensation to the recipient by the end of the month following the month during which you make the sub-award. For example, if a sub-award is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1st and 31st), you must report any required compensation information of the sub-recipient by November 30th of that year.

Definitions:

- **Entity** means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25 (Appendix A, Paragraph(C)(3)):
  - Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
  - Foreign public entity;
  - Domestic or foreign non-profit organization;
  - Domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
  - Federal agency, but only as a sub-recipient under an award or sub-award to a non-Federal entity.

- **Executive** means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

- **Sub-award**: a legal instrument to provide support to an eligible sub-recipient for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the recipient received this award. The term does not include the recipients procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 45 CFR Part 75). A sub-award may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the recipient or a sub-recipient considers a contract.

- **Sub-recipient** means an entity that receives a sub-award from you (the recipient) under this award; and is accountable to the recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the sub-award.
- Total compensation means the cash and non-cash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient’s or sub-recipient’s preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR Part 229.402(c)(2)):
  - Salary and bonus
  - Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
  - Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
  - Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
  - Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
  - Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds $10,000.

**Required Disclosures for Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS):** Consistent with 45 CFR 75.113, applicants and recipients must disclose in a timely manner, in writing to the CDC, with a copy to the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG), all information related to violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Subrecipients must disclose, in a timely manner in writing to the prime recipient (pass through entity) and the HHS OIG, all information related to violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Disclosures must be sent in writing to the CDC and to the HHS OIG at the following addresses:

CDC, Office of Grants Services  
Lisa DeBouse, Grants Management Specialist  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
OD, Environmental, Occupational Health & Injury Prevention Services Branch  
2960 Brandywine Road, MS E-01  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
Fax: 770-488-2640 (Include “Mandatory Grant Disclosures” in subject line)  
Email: wzn5@cdc.gov (Include “Mandatory Grant Disclosures” in subject line)

**AND**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Inspector General  
ATTN: Mandatory Grant Disclosures, Intake Coordinator  
330 Independence Avenue, SW  
Cohen Building, Room 5527  
Washington, DC  20201  
Fax: (202)-205-0604 (Include “Mandatory Grant Disclosures” in subject line) or  
Email: MandatoryGranteeDisclosures@oig.hhs.gov

Recipients must include this mandatory disclosure requirement in all subawards and contracts under this award.
Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 45 CFR 75.371. Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (See 2 CFR parts 180 and 376, and 31 U.S.C. 3321).

CDC is required to report any termination of a federal award prior to the end of the period of performance due to material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this award in the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS). (45 CFR 75.372(b)) CDC must also notify the recipient if the federal award is terminated for failure to comply with the federal statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the federal award. (45 CFR 75.373(b))

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Travel Cost**: In accordance with HHS Grants Policy Statement, travel costs are allowable when the travel will provide a direct benefit to the project or program. To prevent disallowance of cost, the recipient is responsible for ensuring travel costs are clearly stated in their budget narrative and are applied in accordance with their organization’s established travel policies and procedures. The recipient’s established travel policies and procedures must also meet the requirements of 45 CFR Part 75.474.

**Food and Meals**: Costs associated with food or meals are allowable when consistent with applicable federal regulations and HHS policies. In addition, costs must be clearly stated in the budget narrative and be consistent with organization approved policies. Recipients must make a determination of reasonableness and organization approved policies must meet the requirements of 45 CFR Part 75.432.

**Prior Approval**: All requests, which require prior approval, must bear the signature of the authorized organization representative. The recipient must submit these requests by May 1, 2018 or no later than 120 days prior to this budget period’s end date. Additionally, any requests involving funding issues must include an itemized budget and a narrative justification of the request.

The following types of requests require prior approval.
- Use of unobligated funds from prior budget period (Carryover)
- Lift funding restriction
- Significant redirection of funds (i.e. cumulative changes of 25% of total award)
- Change in scope
- Implement a new activity or enter into a sub-award that is not specified in the approved budget
- Apply for supplemental funds
- Change in key personnel
- Extensions to period of performance

Templates for prior approval requests can be found at: [http://www.cdc.gov/grants/alreadyhavegrant/priorapprovalrequests.html](http://www.cdc.gov/grants/alreadyhavegrant/priorapprovalrequests.html)

**Key Personnel**: In accordance with 45 CFR Part 75.308, CDC recipients must obtain prior approval from CDC for (1) change in the project director/principal investigator, business official, authorized organizational representative or other key persons specified in the NOFO, application or award document; and (2) the disengagement from the project for more than three months, or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project, by the approved project director or principal investigator.

**Inventions**: Acceptance of grant funds obligates rs to comply with the standard patent rights clause in 37 CFR Part 401.14.

**Publications**: Publications, journal articles, etc. produced under a CDC grant support project must bear an acknowledgment and disclaimer, as appropriate, for example:

This publication (journal article, etc.) was supported by the Grant or Cooperative Agreement
Number, NU50OE000077-03, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Acknowledgment Of Federal Support:** When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all awardees receiving Federal funds, including and not limited to State and local governments and recipients of Federal research grants, shall clearly state:

- percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money
- dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and
- percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

**Copyright Interests Provision:** This provision is intended to ensure that the public has access to the results and accomplishments of public health activities funded by CDC. Pursuant to applicable grant regulations and CDC’s Public Access Policy, Recipient agrees to submit into the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system an electronic version of the final, peer-reviewed manuscript of any such work developed under this award upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication. Also at the time of submission, Recipient and/or the Recipient’s submitting author must specify the date the final manuscript will be publicly accessible through PubMed Central (PMC). Recipient and/or Recipient’s submitting author must also post the manuscript through PMC within twelve (12) months of the publisher's official date of final publication; however the author is strongly encouraged to make the subject manuscript available as soon as possible. The recipient must obtain prior approval from the CDC for any exception to this provision.

The author's final, peer-reviewed manuscript is defined as the final version accepted for journal publication, and includes all modifications from the publishing peer review process, and all graphics and supplemental material associated with the article. Recipient and its submitting authors working under this award are responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted articles reserve adequate right to fully comply with this provision and the license reserved by CDC. The manuscript will be hosted in both PMC and the CDC Stacks institutional repository system. In progress reports for this award, recipient must identify publications subject to the CDC Public Access Policy by using the applicable NIHMS identification number for up to three (3) months after the publication date and the PubMed Central identification number (PMCID) thereafter.

**Disclaimer for Conference/Meeting/Seminar Materials:** Disclaimers for conferences/meetings, etc. and/or publications: If a conference/meeting/seminar is funded by a grant, cooperative agreement, subgrant and/or a contract the recipient must include the following statement on conference materials, including promotional materials, agenda, and internet sites:

> Funding for this conference was made possible (in part) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

**Logo Use for Conference and Other Materials:** Neither the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) nor the CDC logo may be displayed if such display would cause confusion as to the funding source or give false appearance of Government endorsement. Use of the HHS name or logo is governed by U.S.C. Part 1320b-10, which prohibits misuse of the HHS name and emblem in written communication. A non-federal entity is unauthorized to use the HHS name or logo governed by U.S.C. Part 1320b-10. The appropriate use of the HHS logo is subject to review and approval of the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (OASPA). Moreover, the HHS Office of the Inspector General has authority to
impose civil monetary penalties for violations (42 CFR Part 1003).

Accordingly, neither the HHS nor the CDC logo can be used by the recipient without the express, written consent of CDC. The Project Officer or Grants Management Officer/Specialist detailed in the CDC Staff Contact section can assist with facilitating such a request. It is the responsibility of the recipient to request consent for use of the logo in sufficient detail to ensure a complete depiction and disclosure of all uses of the Government logos. In all cases for utilization of Government logos, the recipient must ensure written consent is received. Further, the HHS and CDC logo cannot be used by the recipient without a license agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of use.

**Equipment and Products:** To the greatest extent practical, all equipment and products purchased with CDC funds should be American-made. CDC defines equipment as tangible non-expendable personal property (including exempt property) charged directly to an award having a useful life of more than one year AND an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit. However, consistent with recipient policy, a lower threshold may be established. Please provide the information to the Grants Management Officer to establish a lower equipment threshold to reflect your organization's policy.

The recipient may use its own property management standards and procedures, provided it observes provisions in applicable grant regulations found at 45 CFR Part 75.

**Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA):** All information systems, electronic or hard copy, that contain federal data must be protected from unauthorized access. This standard also applies to information associated with CDC grants. Congress and the OMB have instituted laws, policies and directives that govern the creation and implementation of federal information security practices that pertain specifically to grants and contracts. The current regulations are pursuant to the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), Title III of the E-Government Act of 2002, PL 107-347.

FISMA applies to CDC recipients only when recipients collect, store, process, transmit or use information on behalf of HHS or any of its component organizations. In all other cases, FISMA is not applicable to recipients of grants, including cooperative agreements. Under FISMA, the recipient retains the original data and intellectual property, and is responsible for the security of these data, subject to all applicable laws protecting security, privacy, and research. If/When information collected by a recipient is provided to HHS, responsibility for the protection of the HHS copy of the information is transferred to HHS and it becomes the agency's responsibility to protect that information and any derivative copies as required by FISMA. For the full text of the requirements under Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), Title III of the E-Government Act of 2002 Pub. L. No. 107-347, please review the following website: [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-107publ347/pdf/PLAW-107publ347.pdf](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-107publ347/pdf/PLAW-107publ347.pdf)

**Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** Recipients are hereby given notice that the 48 CFR section 3.908, implementing section 828, entitled “Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections,” of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013), applies to this award.

**Federal Acquisition Regulations**

As promulgated in the Federal Register, the relevant portions of 48 CFR section 3.908 read as follows (note that use of the term “contract,” “contractor,” “subcontract,” or “subcontractor” for the purpose of this term and condition, should be read as “grant,” “recipient,” “subgrant,” or “subrecipient”):

3.908 Pilot program for enhancement of contractor employee whistleblower protections.

3.908-1 Scope of section.

(a) This section implements 41 U.S.C. 4712.

(b) This section does not apply to-

   (1) DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard; or
(2) Any element of the intelligence community, as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)). This section does not apply to any disclosure made by an employee of a contractor or subcontractor of an element of the intelligence community if such disclosure-
   (i) Relates to an activity of an element of the intelligence community; or
   (ii) Was discovered during contract or subcontract services provided to an element of the intelligence community.

3.908-2 Definitions.
As used in this section-
“Abuse of authority” means an arbitrary and capricious exercise of authority that is inconsistent with the mission of the executive agency concerned or the successful performance of a contract of such agency.

“Inspector General” means an Inspector General appointed under the Inspector General Act of 1978 and any Inspector General that receives funding from, or has oversight over contracts awarded for, or on behalf of, the executive agency concerned.

3.908-3 Policy.
(a) Contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discharging, demoting, or otherwise discriminating against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing, to any of the entities listed at paragraph (b) of this subsection, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract). A reprisal is prohibited even if it is undertaken at the request of an executive branch official, unless the request takes the form of a non-discretionary directive and is within the authority of the executive branch official making the request.

(b) Entities to whom disclosure may be made.
   (1) A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress.
   (2) An Inspector General.
   (4) A Federal employee responsible for contract oversight or management at the relevant agency.
   (5) An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
   (6) A court or grand jury.
   (7) A management official or other employee of the contractor or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

(c) An employee who initiates or provides evidence of contractor or subcontractor misconduct in any judicial or administrative proceeding relating to waste, fraud, or abuse on a Federal contract shall be deemed to have made a disclosure.

3.908-9 Contract clause.
Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights and Requirement to Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights (Sept. 2013)

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.

(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.
PAYMENT INFORMATION

Automatic Drawdown (Direct/Advance Payments): Payment under this award will be made available through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System (PMS). PMS will forward instructions for obtaining payments.

PMS Access Procedures for New Grant Recipients:

To obtain access to the Payment Management System (PMS), Recipients must complete the below forms

- Direct Deposit Instructions and SF-1199A Form for Domestic Bank Accounts
- Direct Deposit Instructions and SF-1199A Form for International Bank Accounts
- PMS System Access Form

The forms can be submitted to your PSC Liaison Accountant by emailing the forms directly to them.

If there is a change in the recipient's banking institution or account number, a new SF-1199A must be submitted to PSC.

PMS correspondence, mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, should be addressed as follows:

HHS/PSC Payment Management Services
P.O. Box 6021
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone Number: (877) 614-5533
Email: PMSSupport@psc.gov
Website: https://pms.psc.gov/

If a carrier other than the U.S. Postal Service is used, such as United Parcel Service, Federal Express, or other commercial service, the correspondence should be addressed as follows:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Payment Management
7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 920
Bethesda, MD 20814

To expedite your first payment from this award, attach a copy of the Notice of Grant/Cooperative Agreement to your payment request form.

Note: To obtain the contact information of PMS staff based on your organization type: Government, Tribal, Universities, Hospitals, Non-Profit, For-Profit; refer to the link for HHS accounts: https://pms.psc.gov/contact_us/contactus.html

Payment Management System Subaccount: Funds awarded in support of approved activities have been obligated in a newly established subaccount in the PMS, herein identified as the "P Account". Funds must be used in support of approved activities in the NOFO and the approved application. All award funds must be tracked and reported separately.

The grant document number (below) must be known in order to draw down funds from this P Account.
Acceptance of the Terms of an Award: By drawing or otherwise obtaining funds from the grant Payment Management System, the recipient acknowledges acceptance of the terms and conditions of the award and is obligated to perform in accordance with the requirements of the award. If the recipient cannot accept the terms, the recipient should notify the Grants Management Officer within thirty (30) days of receipt of this award notice.

Certification Statement: By drawing down funds, the grantee certifies that proper financial management controls and accounting systems, to include personnel policies and procedures, have been established to adequately administer Federal awards and funds drawn down. Recipients must comply with all terms and conditions outlined in their NoA, including grant policy terms and conditions contained in applicable HHS Grant Policy Statements, and requirements imposed by program statutes and regulations and HHS grants administration regulations, as applicable; as well as any regulations or limitations in any applicable appropriations acts.

### CDC Staff Contacts and Responsibilities

#### Roles and Responsibilities

Grants Management Specialists/Officers (GMO/GMS) and Program/Project Officers (PO) work together to award and manage CDC grants and cooperative agreements. From the pre-planning stage to closeout of an award, grants management and program staff have specific roles and responsibilities for each phase of the grant cycle. The GMS/GMO is responsible for the business management and administrative functions. The PO is responsible for the programmatic, scientific, and/or technical aspects. The purpose of this factsheet is to distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of the GMO/GMS and the PO to provide a description of their respective duties.

**Grants Management Specialist:** The GMS is the federal staff member responsible for the day-to-day management of grants and cooperative agreements. The GMS is the primary contact of recipients for business and administrative matters pertinent to grant awards. Many of the functions described in the GMO section are performed by the GMS, on behalf of the GMO.

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**Program/Project Officer:** The PO is the federal official responsible for the programmatic, scientific, and/or technical aspects of grants and cooperative agreements including:
- The development of programs and NOFOs to meet the CDC’s mission
- Providing technical assistance to applicants in developing their applications e.g. explanation of programmatic requirements, regulations, evaluation criteria, and guidance to applicants on possible linkages with other resources
- Providing technical assistance to recipients in the performance of their project
- Post-award monitoring of recipient performance such as review of progress reports, review of prior approval requests, conducting site visits, and other activities complementary to those of the GMO/GMS

**Programmatic Contact:**
Kim T. Raymond
Grants Management Officer: The GMO is the federal official responsible for the business and other non-programmatic aspects of grant awards including:

- Determining the appropriate award instrument, i.e.; grant or cooperative agreement
- Determining if an application meets the requirements of the NOFO
- Ensuring objective reviews are conducted in an above-the-board manner and according to guidelines set forth in grants policy
- Ensuring recipient compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies
- Negotiating awards, including budgets
- Responding to recipient inquiries regarding the business and administrative aspects of an award
- Providing recipients with guidance on the closeout process and administering the closeout of grants
- Receiving and processing reports and prior approval requests such as changes in funding, carryover, budget redirection, or changes to the terms and conditions of an award
- Maintaining the official grant file and program book

The GMO is the only official authorized to obligate federal funds and is responsible for signing the NoA, including revisions to the NoA that change the terms and conditions. The GMO serves as the counterpart to the business officer of the recipient organization.

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The National Syndromic Surveillance Program: Enhancing Syndromic Surveillance Capacity and Practice

Grantee/Organization: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Grant Number: U500E000077
Name of Person Compiling this Review: Kim T. Raymond
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Progress Report
Does the grantee’s progress report document satisfactory progress to-date in all activities funded in the prior year? Does the report adequately document specific progress toward the stated performance or outcome measures from the prior year’s approved application?

Yes X No ____

Comments, Strengths, Weaknesses (to support the answer above):

- The Project Narrative provides a concise overview of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services statewide surveillance activities and a satisfactory completion of activities from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. The program is on target and has successfully accomplished the majority of the activities under strategies 1 through 3 in their Annual Performance Report (APR).
- The workplan, evaluation results and performance measures were identified in the application and include the Year 2 activities completed or scheduled for completion by the end of the budget period.

Strategies

- Program is on target with Strategy 1: Improve representativeness of syndromic surveillance data.
  - 101 of 117 (86%) EDs submit data to NSSP (p 1).
  - Data is received on 95% of ED visits in the State (p 1).
  - 6 urgent care centers submit data to NSSP (p 1).
  - Program has 35 data sharing agreements (DSAs) with Missouri facilities and 8 DSAs with Kansas facilities all of which allow data sharing with the BioSense Platform (p 2).
- Program is making progress with Strategy 2: Improve data quality, timeliness and utility.
  - 2 users are registered to access NSSP ESSENCE. Program is working to get local ESSENCE upgraded and implement campaign to have the 350 registered users on local ESSENCE get onto NSSP ESSENCE (p 2).
  - Data feed to the BioSense Platform went down in September, 2014 and was not re-established until November, 2016. Starting November 16, DHSS started sending daily feeds to the BioSense Platform and since that date a full data set has been sent on 69 out of 74 (93.2%) days ending on February 28, 2017 (p 2).
Program is conducting daily quality reviews of data and sending email alerts to management and epis around the state (p 3).

- Program is not on target but making strides with Strategy 3: Strengthen syndromic surveillance practice.
  - No workgroup has been established but potential members have been identified (p 3).
  - 2 staff participated in 31 NSSP and CoP activities during the reporting period. Additional SyS activities included data sharing calls with Region 7 partners (Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa). (p 4).

**Outcome Measures**

1. Program isn’t improving syndromic surveillance expertise. There were no publications or reports completed during the reporting period but staff participated in an Epi Grand Round presentation on how DHSS is planning on using syndromic surveillance data in support of enhanced opioid surveillance (p 5).

2. Program is increasing use of syndromic surveillance in state and local jurisdictions.
   - 37 data requests received during the reporting period and enhanced surveillance was conducted during the Presidential Debate in St. Louis in October 2016 and the New Year’s holiday weekend (p 6).

3. Program is increasing data sharing between/among jurisdictions on a daily and weekly (p 7).

4. Program has timely identification of syndrome patterns for anticipated or present public health threats.
   - Daily monitoring of ILI during peak flu season has been requested by management and SyS data on ILI visits are included in weekly flu report (p 7).
   - 90 facilities achieved MU (p 8).

**Successes:**

1. In October, 2016, DHSS provided syndromic data for situational awareness purposes to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding ED visits resulting from a major chemical spill in Atchison, Kansas. Atchison is located in close proximity to the Missouri border and a significant number of victims sought treatment at larger hospitals in Missouri (p 6).

2. DHSS continued its project with the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS), the State’s Medicaid Agency, in which syndromic data collected by DHSS under its reporting rule is matched with Medicaid recipient data to identify recipients with chronic conditions who have sought treatment in an emergency department. DSS program staff then work with the recipients to try to get them to seek care in settings other than the emergency department, when medically appropriate, in an effort to keep program costs down. Data on the impact of this project show a reduction in the number of ED visits among Medicaid patients (p 6).

**Challenges**

None noted.

**New Budget Period Proposal**

Are there any critical weaknesses in the proposal that must be addressed with the grantee BEFORE the renewal award is issued?

Yes _____  No  X  

Does the grantee provide a detailed, clear, and time-phased operational plan for continued performance of activities for which funding is requested?

Yes  X  No _____
Does the grantee include clear performance or outcome measures for recipient activities that will be useful in evaluating programmatic progress during the new budget period?

Yes ___ X ___ No _____

**Budget:**

Does the applicant’s budget provide a detailed line-item justification for proposed activities?

___ X ___ Yes ______ No

**Comments, Strengths, Weaknesses (to support the answers above):**
- The program provides a detailed workplan for continued performance of activities for Year 3 (pp 9-15).
- The new budget year objectives appear to be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound for the proposed activities listed within the continuation report. The budget period is from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 and includes a detailed budget with justification and indirect cost rate agreement.

**Recommendations for new budget year and total award level:**
- Continue calls with project officer.
- Focus on establishing a workgroup with quarterly meetings/calls.
- Consider developing a publication on the appropriateness of sharing syndromic surveillance data with law enforcement when conducting enhanced surveillance like what was done during the Presidential Debate in St. Louis.
- Consider developing an NSSP online success story of your work diverting Medicaid patients to less costly healthcare settings. Project officer will provide more insight over monthly call.
- Continue to provide project officer with specific technical assistance needs.
- Include project officer on all correspondence with CDC staff in the NSSP program.

Project officer recommends award in the amount of $141,013 and supplemental funds in the amount of $8,317 for a total award of $149,330.

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