September 23, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators
and the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice on Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency published a notice in the Federal Register providing the terms for companies to subscribe or re-subscribe to the Arrangement for participation in the Write Your Own Program. A copy of the notice is attached.

If you have questions, please contact your Program Coordinator.

Attachment

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Standards Committee, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Accounting, Legal, Marketing, Underwriting
Authority


Project Period

The project period of the award will begin on September 1, 2005 and will last through August 31, 2006.

Justification for the Exception to Competition

On March 31, 2005, ORHP announced a Border Health Best Practices Cooperative Agreement (Announcement #HRSA 05–130). ORHP received only one application that was from an entity, as ORHP understood, would have had significant administrative issues to overcome in order to fulfill the requirements of the announcement. Given the response from the initial competition, there are not many applicants along the border who are capable of performing the breadth of these activities. ORHP has identified USMBHHA as the only entity with the capacity to fill the void and to work in partnership with HRSA to organize events in the short time frame before the Border Binational Health Week (BBHW) celebration with Mexico is scheduled to take place. USMBHHA is eminently qualified to receive a single source award. USMBHHA was formally created in 1993 and is composed of health professionals from both Mexico and the United States. Annual meetings have occurred without interruption since this time with involvement from senior Federal, State, and local officials from both countries. Furthermore, USMBHHA has worked with the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, HRSA and other Federal Agencies in the past and were involved in last year’s BBHW celebration.

Dated: September 16, 2005.

Elizabeth M. Duke,
Administrator.

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