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Summary of the Awards

Recipients: Ministry of Health, Bhutan; National Influenza Center, Mongolia; Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Philippines; Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Thailand.

Purpose of the awards: The purpose of these awards is to support surveillance and response for pandemic and novel influenza and other infectious disease threats in Bhutan, Mongolia, Philippines, and Thailand.

Authority: This program is authorized under §§ 307 and 317(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242l and 247b(k)).

Period of performance: September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

Jamie Legier,

Chief Grants Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of a Sole Source Cooperative Agreement To Fund Administracion Nacional de Laboratorios e Institutos de Salud Dr. Carlos G. Malbran, Argentina; Instituto de Salud Publica de Chile, Chile; Ministerio de Salud Pública de Ecuador, Ecuador; Fondacion Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud, Panama; Alter Vida Centro De Estudios Y Formación Para Ecodesarrollo, Paraguay; Caribbean Public Health Agency, Caribbean Region

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces six separate awards to fund the Administracion Nacional de Laboratorios e Institutos de Salud Dr. Carlos G. Malbran, Argentina; Instituto

de Salud Publica de Chile, Chile; Ministerio de Salud Pública de Ecuador, Ecuador; Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud, Panama; Alter Vida Centro De Estudios Y Formación Para Ecodesarrollo, Paraguay; Caribbean Public Health Agency, Caribbean Region. For Administracion Nacional de Laboratorios e Institutos de Salud Dr. Carlos G. Malbran, Argentina, the award is for approximately \$600,000 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026, subject to the availability of funds. For Instituto de Salud Publica de Chile, Chile, the award is for approximately \$600,000 in FFY 2026, subject to the availability of funds. For Ministerio de Salud Pública de Ecuador, Ecuador, the award is for approximately \$800,000 in FFY 2026, subject to the availability of funds. For Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud, Panama, the award is for approximately \$600,000 in FFY 2026, subject to the availability of funds. For Alter Vida Centro De Estudios Y Formación Para Ecodesarrollo, Paraguay, the award is for approximately \$600,000 in FFY 2026, subject to the availability of funds. For Caribbean Public Health Agency, Caribbean Region, the award is for approximately \$600,000 in FFY 2026, subject to the availability of funds. The approximate total FFY 2026 funding amount for the six recipients is \$3,800,000. Funding amounts for years 2–5 for each recipient will be set at continuation. The awards will enhance health security by strengthening global influenza and other priority pathogen surveillance networks to detect and respond to infectious disease threats.

DATES: The period for these awards will be September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT E Azziz-Baumgartner, USPHS, Global Influenza Branch Chief, Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA, Global Influenza Branch, Phone: 404–639–2555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These sole source awards will support the recipients to improve or maintain capacity to conduct seasonal influenza surveillance and detect and respond to pandemic and novel influenza. In addition, the activities funded under these awards will enhance capacity to detect and respond to novel influenza viruses, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza, as well as identify outbreaks of severe respiratory illness syndrome and other infectious disease threats

through both epidemiologic and virologic detection. These activities will strengthen connections between national institutions, especially National Influenza Centers, to fully participate in data sharing and maintain capacity to share specimens, as well as clinical and epidemiologic data related to influenza circulation.

These entities are in a unique position to conduct this work, as they are either subsidiaries of the host government ministries of health or they are the designated entities responsible for leading influenza surveillance. They have the expertise to support health service delivery and oversee the national coordination of surveillance, preparedness, prevention, and response activities to all forms of health threats and public health emergencies.

Summary of the Award

Recipients: Administracion Nacional de Laboratorios e Institutos de Salud Dr. Carlos G. Malbran, Argentina; Instituto de Salud Publica de Chile, Chile; Ministerio de Salud Pública de Ecuador, Ecuador; Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud, Panama; Caribbean Public Health Agency, Caribbean Region.

Purpose of the awards: The purpose of these awards is to support surveillance and response for pandemic and novel influenza and other infectious disease threats in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, and the Caribbean Region.

Authority: This program is authorized under §§ 307 and 317(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242l and 247b(k)).

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Jamie Legier,

Chief Grants Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of a Single Source Grant To Fund Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C.

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located

within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces one award to fund Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C. for approximately \$800,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2026, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2–5 will be set at continuation.

DATES: The period for this award will be September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

CAPT. E. Azziz-Baumgartner, USPHS, Global Influenza Branch Chief, Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA, Global Influenza Branch, Phone: 404–639–2555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The single source award will support the recipient to improve or maintain capacity to conduct seasonal influenza surveillance and detect and respond to pandemic and novel influenza. In addition, the activities under this award enhance capacity to detect and respond to novel influenza viruses, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza, as well as identify outbreaks of severe respiratory illness syndrome and other infectious disease threats through both epidemiologic and virologic detection. These activities will strengthen connections between national institutions, especially National Influenza Centers, to fully participate in data sharing and maintain capacity to share specimens, as well as clinical and epidemiologic data related to influenza circulation.

Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C. is in a unique position to conduct this work, as it is the designated entity responsible for leading influenza surveillance. It has the expertise to support health service delivery and oversee the national coordination of surveillance, preparedness, prevention, and response activities to all forms of health threats and public health emergencies.

Summary of the Award

Recipient: Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C.

Purpose of the award: The purpose of this award is to support surveillance and response for pandemic and novel influenza and other infectious disease threats in Mexico.

Authority: This program is authorized under §§ 307 and 317(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242l and 247b(k)).

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Jamie Legier,

Chief Grants Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice of the re-establishment of a matching program between CMS and the Department of War for “Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through a Department of War Health Benefits Plan.”

DATES: The deadline for comments on this notice is September 4, 2026. The re-established matching program will commence not sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice, provided no comments are received that warrant a change to this notice. The matching program will be conducted for an initial term of 18 months and within 3 months of expiration may be renewed for up to one additional year if the parties make no change to the matching program and certify that the program has been conducted in compliance with the matching agreement.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments on this notice to the CMS Privacy Act Officer by mail at: Division of Security, Privacy Policy & Governance, Information Security & Privacy Group, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Location: N1–14–56, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244–1850 or by email at Barbara.Demopoulos@cms.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the matching program, you may contact Terence Kane, Director, Division of Automated Verifications and SEP Policy, Marketplace Eligibility and Enrollment

Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, at (301) 492–4449, by email at Terence.kane@cms.hhs.gov, or by mail at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by federal agencies when records in a system of records (meaning, federal agency records about individuals retrieved by name or other personal identifier) are matched with records of other federal or non-federal agencies. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in a matching program to:

1. Enter into a written agreement, which must be prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, approved by the Data Integrity Board of each source and recipient federal agency, provided to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and made available to the public, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (u)(3)(A), and (u)(4).

2. Notify the individuals whose information will be used in the matching program that the information they provide is subject to verification through matching, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(D).

3. Verify match findings before suspending, terminating, reducing, or making a final denial of an individual's benefits or payments or taking other adverse action against the individual, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(p).

4. Report the matching program to Congress and the OMB, in advance and annually, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o) (2)(A)(i), (r), and (u)(3)(D).

5. Publish advance notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12).

This matching program meets these requirements.

Barbara Demopoulos,

Privacy Act Officer, Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Participating Agencies

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the recipient agency, and the Department of War (identified in the applicable system of records notice as Department of Defense) is the source agency.