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*Courtesy of Ms. Tara Masters of US EPA Region 2 and posted to the EPA Pesticide Program Updates from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs 03/01/05. We are posting this for those that may be interested in submitting a proposal and for applicators so that they may be aware of this important national initiative to train health care providers on pesticide issues.*

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### Action: Grant Funding Available for Training Health Care Providers on Pesticide Issues

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting proposals for cooperative agreements to support our **national initiative to improve the training of health care providers in recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of pesticide poisonings**. EPA will establish two cooperative agreements to create institutional change through education, professional training, and the development of new resources and tools on pesticide-related health conditions. One cooperative agreement will focus on creating institutional change in educational settings; the other cooperative agreement will focus on promoting such change in practice settings. Total funding available in FY05 is \$265,000, with each cooperative agreement being awarded at \$132,500. The total potential period of performance for each cooperative agreement is five years with potential funding of up to \$1,325,000 over the five-year period of performance. Applications are due on or before March 28, 2005. Full details about these funding opportunities, including instructions on how to apply, are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/fedgrstr/EPA-PEST/2005/February/Day-09/p2509.htm>

**Background:** In 1996, EPA held nine public meetings to evaluate the progress of worker protection regulation's implementation and to hear the experiences of the people most affected by the regulation. As a result of these meetings, **EPA identified the need to improve the recognition, diagnosis, and management of adverse health effects from pesticide exposures on the part of all primary care providers of the health care community.**

**Other Resources:** One of the important accomplishments to date was the update and release of the 5th edition of "Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings Manual (1999)." See <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/healthcare> available for download of the Manual in its' entirety or by chapter in English or Spanish. For free copies: call EPA at 703-305-7666 or fax at 703-308-2962 *Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings*, ed. Dr. J. Routt Reigart and Dr. James R. Roberts, 5th edition. EPA #735-R-98-003, English. March 1999. EPA#735-R-98-004, Spanish. June 1999. *We have previously provided a copy of this Manual to all RCRE County offices.*

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