



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 28, 2012

To: IC Directors

From: Paul Coates, PhD, Director, Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS)

Subject: ODS Support for Dietary Supplement Research: Grants, Intramural Projects, Conferences and Workshops – FY2013

The ODS entertains proposals for extramural grants, intramural projects, and conference co-funding on a quarterly basis. The table below describes the receipt, review, and notice of award dates for FY2013. Instructions for submission of proposals are included in the Attachment A of this memo. Reviews will take place according to the following FY2013 Schedule:

| ODS Receipt Date | ODS Review Date | Notification of Funding to IC |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Nov. 19 | Dec. 12 | Dec. 28 |
| Feb. 5 | Feb. 20 | March 1 |
| April 30 | May 15 | May 30 |
| July 30 | Aug. 14 | Aug. 23 |

The goals and initiatives presented in the 2010-2014 ODS Strategic Plan emphasize the important role of ODS in furthering research on dietary supplements. Specifically, ODS seeks projects to:

- Stimulate the development and use of research designs for investigating the safety, efficacy, and effectiveness of vitamins, minerals, and other bioactives as dietary supplements;
- Facilitate research on the validation and utility of biomarkers for the effects of dietary supplements on surrogate and clinical endpoints;
- Support research on the mechanisms underlying the effects of dietary supplement use on health and reducing the risk of disease;
- Expand the cadre of research scientists qualified to investigate dietary supplements;

Due to constrained budgets, ODS mission-relevant research will be focused on the above bulleted areas. For FY 13, ODS will not entertain grants that are focused on

disease treatment. To see additional ODS funding strategies, we invite you to review the 2010-2014 ODS Strategic Plan located at:

http://ods.od.nih.gov/About/Strategic_Plan_2010-2014.aspx

Primary consideration for support will be given to applications that deal with those dietary supplement ingredients or groups of supplements where current research is lacking or lagging or where there is a likelihood of stimulating further research. Also, there may be dietary supplements where the data appear conflicting or where there is a need to clarify research gaps and opportunities as well as assess the balance between benefits and risks. Additionally, the office will seek to co-fund activities that target special population groups where additional investigations on supplements are needed. Topics focusing on the use of supplements in reducing the risk of chronic disease are of keen interest to the ODS. *Accompanying this memo is a detailed document describing referral guidelines for submission of conferences, extramural grants and intramural projects for ODS co-funding (Attachment A). All requests from your IC should receive IC Director approval prior to sending them to the ODS.*

A complete listing of ODS co-funded grants with abstracts is available on the ODS website: <http://ods.od.nih.gov>. You or your program staff are encouraged to contact us in ODS to discuss potential co-funding opportunities.

We appreciate your dissemination of this notice within your IC. Thank you for your assistance and continuing interest in ODS-sponsored programs. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Cindy Davis at 301-496-0168 or davisci@od.nih.gov

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Coates".

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Attachment A: ODS Referral Guidelines