



Samueli Institute for Information Biology and the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development

Announcement of request for proposals

The Samueli Institute for Information Biology and the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development (VA ORD) are jointly soliciting scientific proposals for the project entitled VET HEAL FY 2004.

Qualified individuals and organizations will be expected to perform basic and clinical research studies on specific complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) approaches that assist veteran soldiers healing from physical and psychological trauma and those requiring palliative care.

The focus of this specific request is toward CAM interventions and modalities that alleviate symptoms of the post-traumatic stress syndromes, facilitate rehabilitation, integrate with palliative care regimens and improve overall function and well-being in veterans. Research on issues affecting veterans returning from recent deployment and conflict areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan are of particular interest.

Up to six projects will be funded for a period of one year each. It is anticipated that the institute will fund four proposals and VA ORD will fund two. The planned research,

with specific aims expected to be completed in this one-year period, should be provided in detail. The annual cost should not exceed \$175,000.00 (U.S.), including overhead (if applicable).

Applications that are complete and responsive to this request will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by an appropriate peer-review advisory panel convened by the institute and VA ORD.

VA ORD funding will only be made available to VA investigators who meet the eligibility requirements at the time of application, and will be subject to budget and compliance approval. VA ORD policy documentation may be referenced at the following Web site link: http://www.va.gov/resdev/resources/policies/docs/1202_Merit_Review_Handbook_JIT.doc.

This is a one-time solicitation. The application deadline is March 28, 2005, with an anticipated award date of August 1, 2005. Please see the following Web page—www.samueliinstitute/VET-HEAL_overview.org. For more information, call Ronald Chez, MD, at 949-760-4417.

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