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Deadlines: December 22, 2004. Letter of intent receipt date: November 21, 2004, Application receipt date: December 21, 2004.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTERS: RFA-AR-05-001

Purpose: The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) invites new and renewal applications for Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Centers (MCRCs) in arthritis and/or musculoskeletal disorders and/or skin diseases. Each MCRC will be organized around a methodology core and will be expected to include a minimum of three highly meritorious projects encompassing clinical research drawing from different disciplines. The methodology core will be the foundation of the center, providing key support for development and implementation of clinical projects. Each project must address a critical issue that directly involves prevention, assessment, and/or outcomes for patients with one or more of the many chronic diseases within the mission of the NIAMS.

Term Amount: This request for applications (RFA) will use the National Institutes of Health (NIH) P60 award mechanism. As an applicant, you will be solely responsible

for planning, directing, and executing the proposed project. This RFA is the first of three yearly RFAs planned. The earliest anticipated award date in response to this RFA is January 1, 2006. This RFA uses just-in-time concepts. The instructions for nonmodular budget research grant applications should be followed. This program does not require cost sharing as defined in the current NIH Grants Policy Statement at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2003/NIHGPS_Part2.htm>.

Contact: We encourage inquiries concerning this RFA and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants. Inquiries may fall into three areas: scientific/research, peer review, and financial or grants management issues. Direct your questions about scientific/research issues to: Charisee Lamar, PhD, MPH, Multidisciplinary Centers and Diversity Programs, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd, Suite 800, MSC 4872, Bethesda, MD 20892-4872; tel: 301-594-5052; fax: 301-480-4543; e-mail: lamarc@mail.nih.gov. Direct your questions about peer review issues to: Tommy Broadwater, PhD, Chief, Review Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd, Suite 800, MSC 4872, Bethesda, MD 20892-4872; tel: 301-594-4952; fax: 301-402-2406; e-mail: broadwat@mail.nih.gov. Direct your questions about financial or grants management matters to: Melinda Nelson, Chief, Grants Management Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd, Suite 800, MSC 4872, Bethesda, MD 20892-4872; tel: 301-594-3535; fax: 301-480-5450; e-mail: nelsonm@mail.nih.gov.

Deadlines: Letter of intent receipt date: January 24, 2005. Application receipt date: February 24, 2005. Expiration date: February 25, 2005.