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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Request for Comments on the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Public Access Plan to Federally Funded Research: Publications and Data

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services

ACTION: Notice of public comment period

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby requesting public comment on the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Public Access Plan for Federally Funded Research: Publications and Data. The document is available to the public via <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/science/Pages/AccessPlan.aspx>. The public comment period will end 30 days after posting in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please submit comments via email to Lorian Smith at lorian.smith@hhs.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 103 of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (Pub L. 111-358), the Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) issued a memorandum on

February 22, 2013 to the heads of federal agencies directing them to develop plans to enhance access to the results of federally-funded scientific research. ASPR is voluntarily developing a public access plan in order to maximize availability of digitally-formatted scientific data resulting from research supported wholly or in part by federal funding that will improve the public's ability to locate and access this data.

Background: This plan considers the interests and needs of various stakeholders, including, but not limited to, federally funded researchers, universities, libraries, publishers, data users and civil society groups.

Availability of Materials: The draft copy of the ASPR Public Access Plan will be posted on the phe.gov website:

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/science/Documents/AccessPlan.pdf>

Procedures for Providing Public Input: All comments must be received within 30 days of the publication of notice. Please submit comments to Lorian Smith via email lorian.smith@hhs.gov.

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