



## **HERMES, LLC Awarded NIH Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA)**

*A small research services company announced today that it has been awarded a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) that will enable the use of streamlined ordering procedures in support of all components of the National Institute of Health (NIH).*

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**Wilmington, NC.** **H**Health **E**ducation **R**esearch, **M**anagement and **E**pidemiologic **S**ervices (HERMES) LLC, a small, certified woman-owned and HUBZone business has been awarded a **NIH BPA (HHSN263201100057B)** which is effective through April 30, 2012, with annual review and renewal options.

*“This BPA is a great growth opportunity for HERMES. We will be on a list of preferred vendors that are frequently used by researchers, scientists, and administrators at NIH.”*

**Danielle Laborde, President**

A BPA is a simplified buying procedure for program offices to place orders without having to go through a formal process with their contracting officers. Purchasing agents from any institute, bureau, and division at the National Institutes of Health can now place an oral order for HERMES’ best-value services using a record-of-call mechanism or purchase card within days to assist the NIH with meeting ad hoc and immediate needs.

*“By reducing administrative costs and time, the BPA is efficient for both NIH and HERMES. We can assist the NIH with meeting ad hoc and immediate needs within days”*

**Danielle Laborde, President**

The NIH BPA is tied to HERMES’ General Services Administration (GSA) Mission Oriented Business Integrated Services (MOBIS) contract, GS-10F-0025X for Special Item Numbers (SINs): consulting services (874.1, 874-1 RC) and training consulting services (874-4, 874-4 RC).

Under the terms of the agreement, the NIH can now expedite purchases of up to \$500,000 per order off of HERMES' GSA MOBIS Schedule. In addition, the BPA allows NIH buyers to acquire services at discounted GSA schedule prices.

HERMES' range of services covers the following areas:

- Epidemiology
- Statistical programming
- Biostatistical services
- Health education & community-based research
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Project management
- Scientific writing
- Comparative effectiveness studies
- Capacity building

HERMES combines the academic strengths of our senior staff and associates to develop and extend customized training programs for researchers and health professionals, international collaborators, project staff, and community leaders.

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#### About HERMES, LLC

*HERMES is a small, certified women-owned and HUBZone business offering research and educational services in public and international health. Our mission is to provide professional research services to our clients and to conduct innovative studies to advance public health. HERMES staff has extensive experience in research methodology and expertise in diverse content areas. We understand ASAP (Accurate, Scientific, And Precise)*