

## SURVEILLANCE OFFICER FOR RICKETTSIAL DISEASES, CDC

The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch (RZB) in the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recruiting a recent graduate to serve as a surveillance officer in the branch. The mission of RZB includes ongoing rickettsial and Q fever surveillance and detection activities. The position will be located at the CDC Roybal Campus in Atlanta. The position will be for a 1 year term beginning in May or June, with the possibility of renewal up to 3 years. Salary will be dependent on experience and education, but may be as high as \$46,680.

Several rickettsial diseases are nationally notifiable, and ongoing surveillance of places and dates of their occurrence is crucial to comprehensive national notifiable disease detection efforts. The selected fellow will assist RZB staff with management of national surveillance systems for Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF), ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and Q fever, including data importation, analysis, and preparation of various, periodic surveillance reports. The fellow will assist with designing and implementing strategies to improve reporting from state health departments and public health officials. The fellow will also work with CDC's Notifiable Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) to improve surveillance and reporting as the branch moves toward an all-electronic reporting system. The fellow will also have the opportunity to conduct analytic epidemiologic studies involving the use of national surveillance data.

**QUALIFICATIONS/PREFERENCE:** Master's Degree in Epidemiology or Public Health (MPH) desirable. Preference will be given to candidates with a background and interest in epidemiology. Computer skills involving familiarity with spreadsheets (Excel) and databases (Access), as well as statistical programs such as SPSS or EpiInfo are highly desirable. Familiarity with SAS not required but useful.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Interested candidates should submit a Curriculum vitae (CV) and cover letter stating their interest as follows: Attn: Jennifer McQuiston, Epidemiology Team Lead, RZB/CDC. Email: [jmcquiston@cdc.gov](mailto:jmcquiston@cdc.gov); Fax: 404-639-2778; Mail: CDC, 1600 Clifton Rd. MS G-44, Atlanta, GA 30333. Applications will be accepted through March 21, 2008. For more information, please call Jennifer McQuiston at 404-639-0041.