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Call for Research Proposals – September 12, 2018

Background:

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) is a non-profit corporation that focuses on horse racing medication and testing. The RMTC is currently inviting research projects involving tactical research in the field of horse racing. Areas of special interest include:

- Bisphosphonates with emphasis on relevance to horses in racing and race training – including age, exercise status and relevant breeds;
- Detection of performance-enhancing or performance-modifying substances in horse urine, blood or other biological samples; and
- Emerging drugs or other substances with potential health/welfare/integrity issues for horse racing

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted no later than December 1, 2018. Receipt will be acknowledged. Late applications will be disqualified. Grant recipients will be notified prior to March 31, 2019. Initial grant funds will be released no later than July 1, 2019.

Project Funding:

RMTC will award up to \$125,000 for any individual research project per year for up to two years (a total of \$250,000) as budgeted in the approved grant application. Funds will be distributed under the following formula:

- For a single year proposal, an initial 75% will be disbursed at the awarding of the grant; and 25% will be disbursed upon receipt of notice a manuscript of the study has been accepted for publication or submission of a final report, including data, explaining why the research did not yield publishable results.
- For a two-year proposal, 75% of the first-year expenses will be disbursed at the beginning of the first year of the grant with 75% of the second-year funds being disbursed at the beginning of the second year of the grant and upon submission of a satisfactory progress report. The remaining 25% of the total grant will be disbursed upon receipt of notice a manuscript of the study has been accepted for publication or submission of a final report, including data, explaining why the research did not yield publishable results.

RMTC Requirements:

The RMTC retains the right to share any resulting method validation including the standard operating procedure with RMTC-accredited or Association of Racing Chemists laboratories. Additionally, the RMTC will have the right to use any resulting study data as the RMTC deems appropriate.

Upon request, the laboratory will retain the right to publish the study results and validated method for 120 days after completion of the study and submission of the final draft report. At the discretion of the RMTC Executive Director, the RMTC may grant one 90-day extension upon a written request from the principle investigator explaining the justification for such an extension.

During the time between completion of the study and final publication, the RMTC retains the right to use the data in a confidential manner. Summary graphical information of the data may also be used by RMTC during this time. If the right of publication period expires without the laboratory having submitted a manuscript for publication, the RMTC shall have the right to publish or share the data as the RMTC deems appropriate.

Application materials can be found at:

http://www.rmtcnet.com/resources/RMTC_Grant_App_2004.PDF