**Grant Title:** MECHANISM FOR TIME-SENSITIVE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (R01/R03/R34)

**PAR Number:** PAR-06-249; PAR-07-157

**Area of Research:** Support public mental health and substance abuse services research.

**Release & Expiration Dates:** March 17, 2006 release; June 10, 2009 expiration

**Letter of Intent:** 4 weeks prior to planned submission date.

**Application Deadline:** The 9th of each month.

**Amount:** *R01:* Typically under $500,000 per year in direct costs; if request equals or exceeds $500,000, prior approval is required; *R03 mechanism:* Up to two $25,000 modules or one $50,000 module per year in direct costs; *R34 mechanism:* Up to $450,000 for 3 years.

**Length of Support:** *R01:* Up to 5 years. *R03 mechanism:* Up to two years; *R34 mechanism:* Up to 3 years.

**Eligible applicants:** For-profit and non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, units of state and local government, eligible agencies of the Federal government, domestic institutions, faith-based or community-based organizations, units of state or local tribal government.

**Agency/Department:** NIH; NIMH, NIDA

**Summary:** This PA is intended to support public mental health and/or substance abuse services research in rapidly evolving areas where opportunities for empirical study are only available through expedited award of support. There are three distinguishing features of an eligible study: 1) the study’s scientific value and feasibility are clear, 2) rapid review and funding are required in order for the scientific question to be answered and for the research design to be carried out, and 3) the knowledge gained from the study cannot be obtained through the regular NIH cycle of review and award. Attention should be given to unique, but fleeting research opportunities with great public mental health significance, rapid response to emerging policy changes and phenomena that affect the delivery and/or effectiveness of prevention and treatment services, and efforts to lower traditional barriers that have slowed interdisciplinary studies and foster strategic partnerships between NIH, private industry and nonprofit organizations.