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NSABP ANNOUNCES THE *STAR* BREAST CANCER PREVENTION TRIAL

The National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) is inviting institutions to submit applications to participate in a new breast cancer prevention trial, a Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR). STAR is a large-scale, chemoprevention clinical trial that will compare the efficacy of five years of tamoxifen therapy to five years of raloxifene therapy in preventing invasive breast cancer among study participants. Up to 22,000 postmenopausal women over the age of 35 will ultimately be enrolled in this double-blind, randomized clinical trial. Approximately 200 clinical centers in North America will participate in the trial, which is expected to begin this fall. All applications will be peerreviewed, with final approval of clinical centers made by the NSABP Membership Committee. STAR is supported by the National Cancer Institute, Eli Lilly and Company, and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

To request an application form or additional information, mail a letter of interest to: Gladys Hurst, Assistant Director, Membership Affairs Section, NSABP Operations Center, East Commons Professional Building, Four Allegheny Center-5th Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15212-5234, or fax the information to her attention at 412-330-4662. Applications must be returned to the NSABP by August 15, 1998.

A LIFELINE IN THE SKIES

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The Corporate Angel Network, Inc., in White Plains, N.Y., provides a similar service. For more information, call 914-328-1313 or e-mail corpangl@ix.net-com.com.