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List of Subjects

WTO, FTAA, Tariffs, and Imports.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; New Collection; Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 (Act)—Pub. L. 105-181 June 16, 1998 Funding Program.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by April 15, 1999. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Mr. Alex Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514-1590.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed

collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* New Collection.

(2) *The title of the three form/collections:* Registration, Application for Funding, and Request for Payment.

(3) *The agency for number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal, and any law enforcement agencies who may elect to assist their units of general government with completion of the Application for Funding or Request for Payment forms.

Other: Armor vest manufacturers or distributors, individual law enforcement officers, or other interested parties.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 eligible units of general government may complete the Registration and Application for Funding forms that may take one hour during one Fiscal Year, and may complete any number of Requests for Payment forms that may take as much as one hour total per Fiscal Year to complete as armor vests are received/accepted and Requests for Payment are made to the BVP.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Estimated to be between

50,000 and 90,000 total hours for the 25,000 to 30,000 estimated applicants.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Deputy Clearance Officer,
Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Evaluation of Policies, Procedures, and Programs Addressing Violence Against Women

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Evaluation of Policies, Procedures, and Programs Addressing Violence Against Women."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business June 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, secs. 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for the evaluation of policies, procedures, and programs that address violence against women. Violence against women includes family and intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and violence

committed by acquaintances and strangers.

Evaluation studies aimed at addressing gaps in the current understanding of policies, programs, and practices are encouraged. The following are among some of the areas of interest, but applicants are not restricted to them:

- Assessing the extent of judges' knowledge regarding domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Assessing the impact of judges' training on decisionmaking in both civil and criminal cases involving violence against women, on improving judges' knowledge and awareness, and on the attitudes and practices of law enforcement and other court personnel in their approach to domestic violence or sexual assault victims.
- Documenting the long-term outcomes of domestic violence cases decided by judges who had training versus those who did not.
- Determining prosecution strategies that are most effective in reducing recidivism of domestic violence offenders, afford the most protection for the victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, and are most effective in sexual assault cases.
- Evaluating "readiness to change" or "stages of change" models with reference to the Transtheoretical model of change for offenders in the criminal justice response to domestic violence.
- Evaluating the impact of mandatory reporting by physicians and other health care providers of victims of domestic violence to law enforcement agencies.
- Evaluating the process and effects of mandatory divorce/custody mediation in cases involving domestic abuse.
- Assessing whether voluntary mediation can produce satisfactory outcomes for victims of domestic violence.

NIJ anticipates awarding up to 6 grants with a funding total of \$1,250,000 for projects with award periods of up to 24 months. The duration and the budget for proposed evaluations should be justified by factors such as the complexity of the design, the number of sites, and the size of the sample.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Evaluation of Policies, Procedures, and Programs Addressing Violence Against Women" (refer to document no. SL000337). For World Wide Web access, connect either to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice

Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act: Job Corps Program; Notice to Employers

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice describes the Job Corps Program and encourages employers to become involved with the Program.

ADDRESSES: Employers (both public and private) who are interested in learning more about the Job Corps Program as a meaningful source for skilled, entry-level workers are invited to request information. Please send requests to the Director, Division of Program Planning and Development, Office of Job Corps, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N4507, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan I. Lafferan, Office of Job Corps. Telephone: (202) 219-5556, ext. 140 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Job Corps Program offers qualified youth ages 16-24 the opportunity to become capable and reliable young adults with skills to succeed in business and at life. Students receive vocational training, social and employability skills development and academic education leading to a GED. At the core of the curriculum is a trade that each student selects from approximately 100 vocational offerings (e.g., construction, health services, business and administrative, computer services, culinary arts, automotive and truck repair, retail sales, welding, security, machinist, electronic assembler, lithographic printer and heavy equipment operator). Students receive competency-based, individualized instruction from instructors who have many years of experience in their trade.

In addition to academic and vocational development, Job Corps focuses on social and employability skills that help students adapt to different working and living environments. Each student goes through an

extensive curriculum that stresses dependability in attendance, adaptability in tasks, working in a team environment, and interpersonal skills including conflict resolution. Job Corps also demands discipline and instills a strong work ethic, responsibility and good behavior. As part of their comprehensive program, students also volunteer to participate in Community Service Projects.

Under Job Corp's strict Zero Tolerance Program, a formal commitment is required from all students that they will be free of drugs and avoid any violence. Failure to meet this commitment results in dismissal from the program. Students are tested for drugs upon entry to the Program and upon suspicion during their enrollment.

Currently, there are 118 Job Corps centers located throughout the United States. Job Corps students are economically disadvantaged, unemployed youth, male and female, who have volunteered for the program. The average stay for a student is 7 months, and approximately 68,000 students participate in the program each year.

The primary purpose of this Notice is to inform employers that the Job Corps Program has great interest in developing meaningful partnerships with a wide variety of businesses that seek qualified, entry-level workers. Job Corps endeavors to make all of its program components (academic, social and employability skills, and vocational) responsive to the needs of the business community, and employer involvement can contribute significantly to this objective. Involvement activities can include a full range of tasks including, but not limited to: Updating curricula; mentoring students and staff; providing equipment, supplies and services; offering workplace tours; internships and work-based learning opportunities; recruiting other business participants; co-hosting Job Fairs at a Job Corps center and serving on a center's Industry Council.

Job Corps fully supports the economic goals of America's businesses—to expand market share and increase profits. A trained workforce is, perhaps, the most critical resource in achieving these goals and Job Corps is in the business of developing a trained workforce. You are encouraged to partner with the Job Corps Program in meeting this mutual objective.