

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

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Fiscal Year 1996 Discretionary Competitive Program Announcements and Application Kit

AGENCY: United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

ACTION: Announcement of Fiscal Year 1996 Competitive Programs and Application Kit.

SUMMARY: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released its Fiscal Year 1996 Discretionary Competitive Program Announcements and Application Kit with funding opportunities to address violence by and against juveniles and to support intervention efforts for at-risk youth. The Application Kit focuses on three major new program areas: community assessment centers, partnerships to reduce juvenile gun violence, and improving community approaches to child abuse and neglect. OJJDP also will fund evaluations of these programs. In addition, training and technical assistance funds will be awarded in the areas of disproportionate minority confinement, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, and gender-specific services for female juvenile offenders. OJJDP is also soliciting proposals on juvenile mentoring programs and an evaluation of OJJDP's mentoring efforts to date. Finally, OJJDP is supporting a program of field-initiated research and evaluation.

DATES: The following represents the deadline dates of the Application Kit for the OJJDP Fiscal Year 1996 Competitive Programs:

- (1) Community Assessment Centers: Planning for the Future—August 21, 1996;
- (2) Community Assessment Centers: Enhancing the Concept—August 21, 1996;
- (3) Evaluating Community Assessment Centers—September 3, 1996;
- (4) Community Assessment Center Training and Technical Assistance—September 3, 1996;
- (5) Partnerships To Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence—August 21, 1996;
- (6) Evaluation of the Partnerships To Reduce Gun Violence—August 21, 1996;
- (7) Safe Kids/Safe Streets (Community Approaches To Reducing Abuse and

Neglect and Preventing Delinquency—September 9, 1996;

(8) Evaluation of the Safe Kids/Safe Streets Program—September 9, 1996;

(9) Technical Assistance to Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Communities—August 16, 1996;

(10) Training and Technical Assistance Program To Promote Gender-Specific Program for Female Juvenile Offenders and At-Risk Girls—August 16, 1996;

(11) Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program—August 21, 1996;

(12) Training and Technical Assistance for National Innovations To Reduce Disproportionate Minority Confinement (The Deborah Ann Wysinger Memorial Program)—August 26, 1996;

(13) Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)—September 20, 1996; and

(14) Evaluation of the Juvenile Mentoring Program—September 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The Application Kit is available free from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse by e-mail request to: askncjrs@ncjrs.org or by writing to P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, Maryland 20849 or by calling 1-800-638-8736. The Application Kit is also available electronically via the Internet and Fax-on-Demand. Consult OJJDP's World Wide Web Homepage, Highlights section, at <http://www.ncjrs.org/ojhome.htm>. For copies via Fax-on-Demand, call 1-800-638-8736 and select option 1 for automated ordering services and select option 2 for Fax-on-Demand instructions and a list of available titles. Completed Application Kits should be addressed to the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, Maryland 20849.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cheryl Bissell, Manager, The Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, Maryland 20849; 1-800-638-8736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Application Kit is organized into two major sections. The first section provides application and administrative requirements. The second major section contains competitive discretionary program announcements. Appendices include instructions and application forms, State contacts, peer review guidelines, excerpts from the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and extra blank forms. The Application Kit is

broken out by instructions, individual solicitations, and forms.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collections; Comment Request; Notice**

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Cognitive and Psychological Research." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 17, 1996. BLS is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Behavioral Science Research Laboratory (BSRL) conducts cognitive psychological research in design and execution of the data collection process in order to improve the quality of data collected by the Bureau. BSRL conducts research aimed at improving data collection quality by assessing questionnaire and form management and administration, as well as issues which relate to interviewer training and interaction with respondents in the interview process. BSRL staff work closely with the economists and/or program specialists responsible for defining the concepts to be measured by the Bureau's collection programs. Questionnaire and forms are used in the Bureau's surveys.

Questionnaires specify the preferred wording of the questions to be asked, whereas forms specify the data items to be collected. Each possesses distinctive problems, which in many cases can be related to respondent characteristics, survey content, or format of administration. Such problems impede the effectiveness of particular surveys and the mission of the Bureau in general.

II. Current Actions

The purpose of this request for clearance for cognitive and psychological research and development activities by the BSRL is to enhance the quality of the Bureau's data collection procedures and overall data management. The basic goal of the BSRL is to improve through interdisciplinary research the quality of the data collected and published by the BLS. BLS is committed to producing the most accurate and complete data within the highest quality assurance guidelines. With this in mind, the BSRL was created to aid in the effort of not only maintaining, but also improving the quality of the data collection process.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Cognitive and Psychological Research.

OMB Number: 1220-0141.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 3000.

Frequency: One-time.

Total Responses: 3000.

Average Time Per Response: 1 Hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3000 Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 11th day of July, 1996.

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Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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I. Background

The National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics, better known as the Levitan Commission, recommended a variety of changes to the Current Population Survey (CPS) in its 1979 report. For the most part, these recommendations have been incorporated into the CPS, most notably in the complete revision to the survey implemented in January 1994.

In one area, a recommendation of the Levitan Commission has not been implemented. "Gross flows" data show the number of people making transitions from one labor force state (employed, unemployed, not in the labor force) to another from month to month. The Commission recommended that improvements be made to increase the usefulness of the CPS as a longitudinal data set, including improvements to the gross flows data so they can be published on a monthly basis. Because only a subset of CPS data was matchable from month to month, the month-to-month changes in the stocks of people in each labor force state did not match the sum of the flows into and out of each state. While the new survey's improved ability to match respondents between months reduced problems in the gross flows data, there are still problems which prevent monthly publication. In particular, respondents who move out of CPS housing units are not followed in CPS at present and are excluded from the gross flows estimates.