

Funds Available: The award will be limited to a maximum total of \$50,000 (direct and indirect costs) and project activity must be completed within 9 months of the date of award. Funds may not be used for construction, or to acquire or build real property. This project will be a collaborative venture with the NIC Prisons Division.

Eligibility to Apply: An eligible applicant is any state or general unit of local government, public or private agency, educational institution, organization, or individual with the requisite skills to successfully meet the outcome objectives of the project.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, December 20, 1999. They should be addressed to: Director, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534. Hand delivered applications should be brought to 500 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. The front desk will call Bobbi Tinsley at (202) 307-3106, extension 0 for pickup.

Addresses and Further Information: Requests for the application kit, which includes further details on the project's objectives, etc., should be directed to Judy Evens, Cooperative Agreement Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, N.W., Room 5007, Washington, D.C. 20534 or by calling 800-995-6423, ext. 159, 202-307-3106, ext. 159, or email; jevens@bop.gov. A copy of this announcement and application forms may also be obtained through the NIC web site: <http://www.nicic.org> (click on "What's New" and "Cooperative Agreements"). All technical and/or programmatic questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Dick Franklin at the above address or by calling 800-995-6423 or 202-307-1300, ext. 145, or by E-mail via rfranklin@bop.gov.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to an NIC 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 00P09 This number should appear as a reference line in your cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

Executive Order 12372: This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16.601.

Dated: November 15, 1999.

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Director, National Institute of Corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Corrections

Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement

Summary: The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY 2000 for a cooperative agreement to fund the development of a document: "Management and Treatment of Violent and Hard-To-Manage Inmates."

Purpose: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) invites applications for a cooperative agreement to develop a document concerning the management and treatment of violent and hard-to-manage inmates in state correctional facilities. This document will identify the primary reasons that special housing is viewed by prison managers as mandatory for various groups of inmates in jurisdictions of differing size, resources, and existing options. Such groups may include, but will not be limited to inmates with a violent background or who are violent in prison; security threat group leaders or members; inmates diagnosed as mentally ill, behaviorally disordered, or developmentally disabled; inmates at risk or representing risk because of their age, demeanor, sexual predation, or chronic disruptive behavior; those with a history of escape or escape attempts; or inmates who disrupt or threaten to disrupt the order of the facility and thereby pose a threat to the safety of staff and inmates or the security of the institution. This information will contribute to the understanding of interested observers of the underlying issues and concerns prompting the development of special housing and program for specific groups of inmates. In addition, the document will identify and describe predominate and noteworthy housing alternatives, management techniques, and treatment modalities employed in addressing the needs of these inmates and the problem, risk, or concern they present in the institution(s) of placement. The information provided will be descriptive and factual and will be accompanied by a summary of evaluation or outcome information, if available. Housing alternatives and management techniques will be

described with each treatment modality that is discussed. Contact information will be provided for each strategy, technique, or treatment program presented.

Authority: Public Law 93-415.

Funds Available: The award will be limited to a maximum total of \$50,000 (direct and indirect costs) and project activity must be completed within 12 months of the date of award. Funds may not be used for construction, or to acquire or build real property. This project will be a collaborative venture with the NIC Prisons Division.

Eligibility To Apply: An eligible applicant is any state or general unit of local government, public or private agency, educational institution, organization, or individual with the requisite skills to successfully meet the outcome objectives of the project.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: Applications must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, January 7, 2000. They should be addressed to: Director, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534. Hand delivered applications should be brought to 500 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. The front desk will call Bobbi Tinsley at (202) 307-3106, extension 0 for pickup.

Addresses and Further Information: Requests for the application kit, which includes further details on the project's objectives, etc., should be directed to Judy Evens, Cooperative Agreement Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534 or by calling 800-995-6423, ext. 159, 202-307-3106, ext. 159, or email; jevens@bop.gov. A copy of this announcement and application forms may also be obtained through the NIC web site: <http://www.nicic.org> (click on "What's New" and "Cooperative Agreements"). All technical and/or programmatic questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Dick Franklin at the above address or by calling 800-995-6423 or 202-307-1300, ext. 145, or by E-mail via rfranklin@bop.gov.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to an NIC 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 00P04 This number should appear as a reference line in your cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

Executive Order 12372: This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16.601.)

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10721, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, and with respect to exemptions involving the fiduciary prohibitions of section 406(b) of the Act, requests for hearing within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESS: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of

Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) Located in New York, NY

[Application No. D-10721]

Proposed Exemption

Based on the facts and representations set forth in the application, the Department is considering granting an exemption under the authority of section 408(a) of the Act (or ERISA) and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990).¹

Section I. Proposed Exemptions Involving the Demutualization of METLIFE and the Excess Holding of Consideration By Plans Sponsored By METLIFE and its Affiliates (the MetLife Plans)

If the exemption is granted, the restrictions of section 406(a) of the Act

¹ For purposes of this proposed exemption, references to provisions of Title I of the Act, unless otherwise specified, refer also to corresponding provisions of the Code.

and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply to the receipt, by any eligible policyholder (the Eligible Policyholder) of MetLife that is an employee benefit plan (the Plan), subject to applicable provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including any Eligible Policyholder that is a Plan covering employees of MetLife or its affiliates, of an interest (the Interest) in a trust (the Trust), whose corpus consists of common stock (the Common Stock) issued by MetLife, Inc., (the Holding Company), the parent of MetLife; or (2) the receipt of cash or policy credits by such Plans,² in exchange for such Eligible Policyholder's membership interest in MetLife, pursuant to a plan of conversion (the Plan of Reorganization) adopted by MetLife and implemented in accordance with section 7312 of the New York Insurance Law.

In addition, the restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(E) and (a)(2) and section 407(a)(2) of the Act shall not apply to the receipt and holding, by a MetLife Plan, of Trust Interests, whose fair market value exceeds 10 percent of the value of the total assets held by such Plan.

The proposed exemptions that are described above are subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Plan of Reorganization is implemented in accordance with procedural and substantive safeguards that are imposed under New York Insurance Law and is subject to review and approval by the New York Superintendent of Insurance (the Superintendent). The Superintendent reviews the terms of the options that are provided to Eligible Policyholders of MetLife as part of such Superintendent's review of the Plan of Reorganization, and the Superintendent only approves the Plan of Reorganization following a determination that the Plan is fair and equitable to all Eligible Policyholders and is not detrimental to the public.

(b) Each Eligible Policyholder has an opportunity to vote at a special meeting to approve the Plan of Reorganization after receiving full written disclosure from MetLife.

(c) One or more independent fiduciaries of a Plan (the Independent Fiduciary) that is an Eligible Policyholder receives Trust Interests, cash or policy credits pursuant to the terms of the Plan of Reorganization and neither MetLife nor any of its affiliates

² Unless otherwise noted, the terms "Plan" and "MetLife Plan" are referred to collectively as the "Plans."