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Agency Information Collection Activities: New Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; joint employment verification pilot (JEVP).

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register.

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 agencies 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.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan, 202-616-7600, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated

public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: *New Collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Joint Employment Verification Pilot (JEVP).

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: None. Office of Management, SAVE, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. The information collection will be used by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Social Security Administration to verify employment authorization for all new employees regardless of citizenship for those companies participating in the Joint Employment Verification Pilot.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 1,000 respondents at 3.5 hours per response, and 400,000 responses at 5 minutes (.083) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 36,700 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; applicant survey.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register.

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.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-616-7600, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: *Extension of a currently approved collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Applicant Survey.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form G-942. Human Resources Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This form is required to ensure compliance with Federal laws and regulations which mandates equal opportunity in the recruitment of applicants for Federal employment.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 75,000 respondents at 4 minutes (.066) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 4,950 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Suggested List of Priorities for LSC Recipients

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice sets out a suggested list of priorities adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC" or "Corporation") Board of Directors on May 20, 1996, pursuant to a Fiscal Year ("FY") 1996 appropriations act requirement. The list is intended to be considered by LSC recipients when setting their own priorities for the provision of legal assistance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel, (202) 336-8810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 104-134, the omnibus legislation that includes the FY 1996 appropriation for the Legal Services Corporation, contains two modifications of current law relating to grantees' allocation of priorities in the use of resources. The governing boards of grantees are directed to set specific priorities in writing, pursuant to the Legal Services Corporation Act and the Corporation's priority-setting regulation, of the types of matters and cases to which they will devote time and resources, and their staffs must sign written agreements not to undertake cases or matters other than in accordance with these specific priorities except in emergency situations [Section 504 (a)(9)]. The Corporation itself is directed to promulgate a suggested list of priorities that local boards of directors may use in setting their local priorities [Section 504 (c)]. Accordingly, the following suggested list of priorities has been adopted by the Board at its meeting on May 20, 1996.

A one-third reduction in funding for the Legal Services Corporation for FY 1996 requires that the Corporation's grantees exercise the utmost care in making the difficult and, at times, painful decisions as to the types of cases they can accept and the nature of the service they will provide. While the ultimate decision in these matters rests with the local program—which must develop its own priorities within the context of the circumstances in its own community, in consultation with the client community, subject to applicable legislative and regulatory restrictions—the Corporation expects each program to respond to the most compelling and critical needs of its eligible clients and to leverage its resources in order to compensate to the greatest degree possible for the inevitable reduction in client service resulting from this cut in funding. In meeting this crisis, each program must continue to maintain a high level of professionalism and quality in the delivery of legal services and in the observance of ethical standards.

To this end, and in response to the direction of Congress, the Corporation's Board of Directors has identified the following suggested priorities to help guide local legal services programs as they strive to continue to provide high quality, effective legal services to members of their communities. It has formulated this response in the context of the existing pattern of individual cases being handled nationwide, the largest category of which involves family matters, in which the client base is disproportionately comprised of women and children. Hence, a principal focus by the Board of Directors is in the context of the family. Recognition is given, however, to other critical case needs comprising the everyday problems encountered by our eligible clients.

Suggested List of Priorities

Support for Families: The cohesiveness of the family is not only a time-honored value fundamental to our American way of life, but also the undergirding of the stability of our American society. Programs should take cognizance of the vulnerability of American families to problems requiring legal assistance for their resolution. The Corporation suggests that programs place a high priority on those cases in which legal assistance supports the integrity, safety, and well-being of the family.

Preserving the Home: Preservation of the home is essential to the well-being of every person. The loss of housing through uninhabitability, eviction, or

foreclosure can precipitate exposure to physical and medical risks in crowded shelters or the streets, disruption of the schooling of young children, loss of employment, and the splintering of families whose members may be dispersed in seeking alternate shelter. Enabling families to avoid loss of their home should be an important priority for grantees, as should assistance to those families or individuals who have become homeless.

Of equal importance is the assurance that families can be safe and secure in their places of residence. This is of particular concern in public housing complexes where crime and violent behavior put many families at risk. Legal assistance to tenant associations or other groups of eligible clients seeking to ameliorate the condition of a dangerous environment contributes to family well-being and should be a priority where appropriate. The Corporation also encourages grantees to give a high priority to representation of individual families threatened by unsafe or unhealthy conditions in both public and private rental housing.

Help may also be needed when physical harm to family living quarters is caused by natural disaster, such as flood, earthquake, fire, and hurricane. Programs are urged to respond to the needs of clients in such emergencies and, when appropriate, to cooperate in joint endeavors with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Funds may be available through special appropriations, which programs can use to provide emergency services to clients in matters such as relocation, repair of housing, filing for benefits, and dealing with insurance, contractors, and creditors.

Maintaining Economic Stability: Families must be economically viable in order to survive. The Corporation encourages programs to give high priority to cases in which the family's source of income is at risk.

For the working poor, those seeking to avoid dependency and find a route out of poverty, the loss of a job may trigger a plummet into abject poverty, possibly leading to the loss of housing and access to health care, and even to the breakup of the family. The prevention of unemployment may obviate a sequence of far greater legal activity, and should therefore be a high priority for legal services programs. In addition to matters directly involving employment law, other cases may fall into the category of potentially preventing joblessness, for example, consumer cases relating to the tools of a worker's trade or to an automobile which is needed to transport the worker to the