

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

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

**Background**

The National Institute of Justice is seeking applicants to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, especially data from previous NIJ-funded projects. The Institute is particularly interested in proposals addressing these issues: sentencing, drugs and the criminal justice system, violence, and policing. Special consideration will be given to proposals providing direct applications to criminal justice policy or practice or suggesting innovative applications of emerging statistical techniques and analytic methodologies.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Data Resources Program Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data" (refer to document no. SL 000232). The solicitation is available electronically via the NCJRS Bulletin Board, which can be accessed via the Internet. Telnet to ncjrsbbs.ncjrs.org, or gopher to ncjrs.org:71. For World Wide Web access, connect to the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org>. Those without Internet access can dial the NCJRS Bulletin Board via modem: dial 301-738-8895. Set the modem at 9600 baud, 8-N-1.

Dated:

**Jeremy Travis, Director,**

*National Institute of Justice.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****National Institute of Justice**

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**National Institute of Justice  
Solicitation for Effectiveness of  
Victims of Crime Act Funding in  
Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims**

**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 solicitation "Effectiveness of Victims of Crime Act Funding in Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims."

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business August 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Effectiveness of Victims of Crime Act Funding in Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims" (refer to document no. SL000231). For general information about application procedures for solicitations or for copies of the solicitations, application guidelines and forms, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770. The solicitation is available electronically via the NCJRS Bulletin Board, which can be accessed via the Internet. Telnet to ncjrsbbs.ncjrs.org, or gopher to ncjrs.org:71. For World Wide Web access, connect to the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm>. Those without Internet access can dial the NCJRS Bulletin Board via modem: dial 301-738-8895. Set the modem at 9600 baud, 8-N-1.

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**Background**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), with the support of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is undertaking a multi year evaluation effort to assess the effectiveness of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded compensation and assistance programs in meeting the needs of crime victims. The overall program will yield: (a) A needs assessment from the victim's point of view; (b) an assessment of the services available to victims from VOCA and other federally-funded victim programs of financial compensation and assistance, as well as other local and private victim services; (c) identification of unmet needs such as gaps in service or access to compensation; and (d) suggestions for improving the delivery of and payment for services to all crime victims. The products from this effort will provide an evaluation of VOCA compensation and assistance programs, along with guidelines for increasing their utility and effectiveness in meeting the needs of crime victims.

This solicitation is the first phase in the effort; it will fund innovative and creative pilot tests of recommended approaches to be followed in a subsequent separately-funded national effort to identify crime victims and their needs, the sources of aid they sought and received to meet these needs, the adequacy of this aid in meeting those needs, and the impact of VOCA in meeting those needs.

**Jeremy Travis, Director,**

*National Institute of Justice.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration**

**Governor's Coordination and Special  
Services Plan (GCSSP); Comment  
Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement collection of the Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan (GCSSP).

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office 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 August 22, 1997.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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:** Barbara DeVaux, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N4670, Washington, DC. 20210; Internet Address: DeVauxB@DOLETA.GOV; telephone number (202) 219-7533, extension 165 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Pursuant to section 121(a) of the Job Training Reform Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-367, September 7, 1992, effective July 1, 1993) "any State seeking financial assistance under this Act shall submit a Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan (GCSSP) for two program years to the Secretary describing the use of all resources provided to the State and its service delivery areas under this Act and evaluating the experience over the preceding two years."

##### II. Current Actions

States are required to submit a new GCSSP biennially.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan (GCSSP).

*OMB Number:* 1205-0336.

*Recordkeeping:* These records must be kept for a minimum of three years after the affected program dates.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments.

*Total Respondents:* 59.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Total responses:* 59.

*Average Time per Response:* 50 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,950.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* Federal cost of \$54,629. This represents 20 percent of five GS-13's salaries. It is estimated that five GS-13's will spend

20 percent of his/her time on the preparation clearance and dissemination of instructions and the review and processing of the incoming GCSSP for each State.

State cost would be \$1,100 per submission. The individual preparing the request is likely to be earning \$45,000 per year or \$22.00 per hour times 50 hours of preparation.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* Burden cost for operating and maintaining is the amount of money allowed for the administration of JTPA.

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

Dated: June 13, 1997.

**Peter E. Rell,**

*Acting Administrator, Office of Job Training Programs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

##### Native American Employment and Training Council; Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of Labor has determined that the renewal of the Native American Employment and Training Council is in the public interest consistent with the requirements of title IV, section 401(k)(1) of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

The Council will provide advice to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training regarding the overall operation and administration of Native American programs authorized under title IV, section 401, as amended, as well as the implementation of other programs providing services to Native American youth and adults under this Act. The Assistant Secretary views the Council as the primary vehicle to accomplish the Department's commitment to work in partnership with the Indian and Native American community on employment and training concerns.

The Council shall consist of no less than 17 Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Hawaiian Natives appointed by the Secretary from among individuals nominated by Indian tribes or Indian, Alaskan Native, or Hawaiian Native organizations. An equitable geographic

distribution will be sought, in addition to appropriate representation of both tribes and non-tribal organizations. The members shall not be compensated and shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act 15 days from the date of this publication.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the renewal of the Native American Employment and Training Council. Such comments should be addressed to: Mr. Thomas M. Dowd, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-4641, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8502 ext 119 (this is not a toll free number).

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of June, 1997.

**Alexis M. Herman,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket Number ICR-97-19]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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