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Dated: July 22, 1997.

Anthony C. Moscato,

Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Information Technology Acquisition: Local and State Law Enforcement

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 "Information Technology Acquisition: Local and State Law Enforcement."

DATES: The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business September 5, 1997.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

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

Background

The National Institute of Justice is seeking research applications in the areas of law enforcement information technology selection, implementation, and impact evaluation. In an environment of rapidly changing technology, growing numbers of vendors targeting police agencies as customers, and differing levels of sophistication among agencies, the policing community is in increasing need of researched guidelines to direct their purchase and implementation of new information technologies. Examples of information technology include: management information systems (MIS), computer-aided dispatch (CAD), electronic pin mapping, geo-mapping, and other information technologies appropriate to police functions.

There are three phases to the acquisition and adoption of information technology to be considered in each proposal: the assessment and decisionmaking phase, where the study will look to identify agency need and technologies that fit that need, and consider budget constraints; the implementation phase, in which the study should consider the extent of necessary planning, the role of agency staff, and the possible involvement of external agencies or constituency; and the impact-assessment phase, where the study will determine the levels of change driven by the new technologies within the police agency, and the impact of the technology on efficiency, methodology, and effectiveness.

Applicants should include within their research design a combination of the following research procedures: focus groups, case studies, a comprehensive study based on the focus groups and case studies, and model development.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Information Technology Acquisition: Local and State Law Enforcement" (refer to document no. SL000233). 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#nij>. 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.

Jeremy Travis,
Director, National Institute of Justice.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Washington State Standards; Notice of Approval

1. Background

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes procedures under Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called Regional Administrator) under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary) (29 CFR 1953.4) will review and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State plan which has been approved in accordance with Section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR part 1902. On January 26, 1973, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (38 FR 2421) of the approval of the Washington plan and the adoption of Subpart F to Part 1952 containing the decision.

The Washington plan provides for the adoption of State standards that are at least as effective as comparable Federal standards promulgated under Section 6 of the Act. Section 1953.20 provides that where any alteration in the Federal program could have an adverse impact on at least as effective as status of the State program, a program change supplement to a State plan shall be required.

On its own initiative, the State submitted by letter dated April 2, 1993, from Mark O. Brown, Director, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, and incorporated as part of the plan, amendment of the State Agriculture Standard 296-306-WAC comparable to the Federal Standard 29 CFR 1928. The State-initiated amendment incorporates new sections to the State Agriculture standard including: WAC 296-306-061, machinery and machine guarding, and WAC 296-306-330, decontamination. (Several new pesticides sections were

also added, but these are outside the scope of the State plan.) In addition, the amendment contains several regulatory and administrative changes to the State Agriculture standard. The State adopted the amendment by Administrative Order (AO) 92-24 on March 4, 1993, effective June 1, 1993. Regional Office review revealed discrepancies and the submission was returned to the State for correction. In a letter dated July 24, 1995, from Mark O. Brown, Director, to Richard S. Terrill, Acting Regional Administrator, the State re-submitted its entire Agriculture Standard 296-306-WAC after making corrections. The State-initiated amendment also included minor changes to supplementary requirements for materials handling and storage, guarding of power tools, hazardous materials, aerial manlift equipment and the application of WAC 296-24-233, motor vehicle trucks and trailers in the State Agriculture rules. The State adopted the amendment by AO 94-21 on May 1, 1995 with an effective date of January 16, 1996. In a letter of November 9, 1994, from Mark O. Brown, Director, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, the State submitted State-initiated amendments to the State Agriculture Standard incorporating new and amended sections addressing machine guarding and electrical requirements. The amendments were adopted by AO 94-01 on September 1, 1994, effective September 1, 1994.

On its own initiative, the State submitted by letters dated February 23, 1988 and December 7, 1990, from Joseph A. Dear, Director, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, and April 2, 1993 and April 8, 1994, from Mark O. Brown, Director, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, amendments to the State Agriculture standards concerning supplementary requirements for Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) for materials handling equipment, WAC 296-306-260, which incorporates WAC 296-306-27095 Exhibit B, Figure C-17 through C-34. These amendments were adopted by the State in AO 87-24 on November 30, 1987, effective December 30, 1987; in AO 91-01 on May 20, 1991 effective June 20, 1991; in AO 92-24 on March 4, 1993 effective June 1, 1993; and in AO 93-17 on March 2, 1994, effective April 15, 1994. The State Agriculture standards supplementary requirements for ROPS for materials handling equipment parallel OSHA's ROPS requirements in 29 CFR Part 1926, Safety and Health Regulations for Construction.

On its own initiative, the State submitted by letter dated April 8, 1994

from Mark O. Brown, Director, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, amendment to the State Agriculture standard 296-306-WAC. The State-initiated amendment removes an exemption for the Agriculture industry from the following State standards and makes these sections applicable in Agriculture: WAC 296-24-11001, control of hazardous energy (Lockout/Tagout); WAC 296-24-12001, sanitation; WAC 296-24-14011, accident prevention tags; WAC 296-24-33003, flammable and combustible liquids; WAC 296-24-58503, fire protection; and WAC 296-24-73501, walking-working surfaces. In addition, the State-initiated amendment contains several regulatory and administrative changes to the State Agriculture standards. The State adopted the amendment by AO 93-17 on March 2, 1994, effective March 1, 1995.

On its own initiative, the State submitted by letter dated November 20, 1995 from Mark O. Brown, Director, to Richard S. Terrill, Acting Regional Administrator, an amendment to the State Agriculture standard 296-306-WAC. The State-initiated amendment removes the March 1, 1995 application date and reinstates the exemption for the State's Agriculture standard from WAC 296-24-33003, flammable and combustible liquids; WAC 296-24-58503, fire protection; and WAC 296-24-73501, walking-working surfaces. The State-initiated amendment also removes the March 1, 1995 application date from WAC 296-24-14011, accident prevention tags. In addition, the amendment removes the March 1, 1995 effective date from WAC 296-24-12001, sanitation, and includes an agriculture exemption for the shower requirements of WAC 296-24-12009(3). The State adopted the amendment by AO 94-19 on October 20, 1995, effective January 16, 1996.

All of the administrative orders were adopted pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2), 49.17.040, 49.17.050, Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30, Administrative Procedures Act RCW 34.04, and the State Register Act RCW 34.08. All these amendments have been incorporated as part of the State plan. The original State standard, Safety Standards for Agriculture, received approval on Tuesday, August 9, 1977 (42 FR 40278).

2. Decision

OSHA has determined that the State standard amendments for Agriculture are at-least-as-effective-as the comparable Federal standard, as required by Section 18(c)(2) of the Act. For the Agriculture amendments adopted by Administrative Orders 94-

19 and 94-21, OSHA has also determined that the differences between the State and Federal standards are minimal and that the standards are thus substantially identical. The other Agriculture amendments have been in effect since at least March 1, 1995. During this time OSHA has received no indication of significant objection to the State's different standard either as to its effectiveness in comparison to the Federal standard or as to its conformance with the product clause requirements of section 18(c)(2) of the Act. (A different State standard applicable to a product which is distributed or used in interstate commerce must be required by compelling local conditions and not unduly burden interstate commerce.) OSHA therefore approves these standards; however, the right to reconsider this approval is reserved should substantial objections be submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

3. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

A copy of the standards supplement, along with the approved plan, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101-3212; State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Industrial Safety and Health, 7273 Linderson Way, S.W., Tumwater, Washington 98501; and the Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3476, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. For electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, contact OSHA's WebPage at <http://www.osha.gov/>.

4. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.2(c), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplement to the Washington State Plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

1. The standard amendments are at-least-as-effective-as the Federal standard which was promulgated in accordance with the Federal law including meeting requirements for public participation.

2. The standard amendments were adopted in accordance with the

procedural requirements of State law and further public participation would be repetitious.

This decision is effective August 5, 1997. (Sec. 18, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 STAT. 6108 [29 U.S.C. 667]).

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 15th day of May, 1997.

Richard S. Terrill,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used in all NARA research rooms and museums for customers to provide comments, suggestions, and complaints about NARA service. The information will be used to improve service and plan future services. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730, or fax number 301-713-6913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA;

(b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Customer Comment Form.

OMB number: 3095-0007.

Agency form number: NA Form 14045.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,925.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 160 hours.

Abstract: The information collection is a customer comment form made available to persons who use NARA services or visit NARA museums. The form is voluntary and is used to record comments, complaints, and suggestions from NARA customers. NARA uses the information to correct problems and improve service.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 31, 1997.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (IRC) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this IRC, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Endowment for the Arts' Director of Guidelines and Panel

Operations, A.B. Spelling (202) 682-5788.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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.

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts.

Title: The National Endowment for the Arts Panelist Profile Form.

OMB Number: 3135-0098.

Frequency: Renew every three years as required.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 1378.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 234 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup: 0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): 0.

Description: The National Endowment for the Arts Panelist Profile Form is used to collect basic information from qualified individuals who have been recommended for panel service. The collected information is entered into a computerized database which serves as a reference for Endowment staff to aid in assembling advisory panels which meet Congressional requirements for broad representation.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services.

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