

expressly confirmed the 1994 Stipulation for Settlement. Nevertheless, the amendment purports to "clarify" the terms of the settlement by attempting to characterize the lump-sum award as prorated over the disabled worker's life expectancy. The amended stipulation, however, did not change the dollar amounts of the award, did not involve any appeal of the award sought or change in the actual amount of WC benefits, and did not affect in any way the rights, liabilities or obligations of the parties with respect to the actual WC award. Its terms modify the original document which did not specify that the lump sum should be prorated over the disabled worker's life expectancy. It contained no supporting factual information that the original stipulation had, in fact, been based on life expectancy.

#### Conclusion

Based on section 224 of the Act, case law, and SSA policy, SSA is not necessarily bound by the terms of a second, or amended, stipulation in determining whether and by what rate a disabled worker's Social Security disability insurance benefits should be offset on account of a WC lump-sum payment. SSA will evaluate both the original and amended stipulations and disregard any language which has the effect of altering the terms in the original lump-sum settlement where the terms in the amended document are illusory or conflict with the terms of the first stipulation concerning the actual intent of the parties, and where, as here, the terms in the amended document would have the effect of circumventing the WC offset provisions of section 224 of the Act. To give effect to such illusory terms would frustrate Congress' intent to avoid duplicate benefits.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### Bureau of Political-Military Affairs

[Public Notice 2614]

##### Imposition of Chemical and Biological Weapons Proliferation Sanctions on Foreign Entities and Persons

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Government has determined that two entities have engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of sanctions

pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the authorities of which were most recently continued by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 25, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological, and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202-647-1142).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 81(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(a)), Section 11C(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(a)), Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993, and State Department Delegation Authority No. 145 of February 4, 1980, as amended, the United States Government determined that the following foreign entities have engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Section 81(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(c)) and Section 11C(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410(c)):

1. Hans-Joachim Rose (German citizen)
2. Rose Import-Export GMBH (German company)

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed:

(A) Procurement Sanction. The United States Government shall not procure, or enter into any contract for the procurement of, any goods or services from the sanctioned entities; and

(B) Import Sanction. The importation into the United States of products produced by the sanctioned entities shall be prohibited.

Sanctions on each entity described above may apply to firms or other entities with which that entity is associated. Questions as to whether a particular transaction is affected by the sanctions should be referred to the contact listed above. The sanctions shall commence on September 25, 1997. They will remain in place for at least one year and until further notice.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in the Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

**Thomas E. McNamara,**  
*Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2608]

##### Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Notice of a Public Meeting Regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), Department of State.

**SUMMARY:** This public meeting will provide an update on current activities related to international harmonization since the previous public meeting, conducted July 30, 1997. (See Department of State Public Notice 2570, on page 38337 of the **Federal Register** of July 17, 1997.) The meeting will also offer interested organizations and individuals the opportunity to provide information and views for consideration in the development of U.S. government policy positions. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951-15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

The meeting will take place from 10 am until noon on October 17 in Room S4215 ABC, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. government building pass if applicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20420. Phone (202) 647-9266, fax (202) 647-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems. The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the July 30 public meeting, a preview of key upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. government positions. Representatives of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of

Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction
2. Reports on recent international meetings
  - Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Advisory Group on Harmonization, October 1–3, 1997, in Paris, France. The agenda for this meeting includes review and discussion of OECD health and environmental hazard classification proposals.
3. Preparation for upcoming meetings
  - Meeting of the Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems (CG/HCCS), November 24–26, 1997, in Toronto, Canada. The agenda for this meeting includes further consideration of the clarification of the scope of the GHS and of the appropriate institutional arrangements for updating and maintaining the system. Papers for the meeting are expected to become available in early October and will be placed in the public docket, described below.
4. Public Comments
5. Concluding Remarks

Participants in the meeting may submit written comments as well as speak on topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems. All written comments will be placed in the public docket (OSHA docket H-022H). The docket is open from 10 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. (Telephone: 202-219-7894; Fax: 202-219-5046). The public may also consult the docket to review previous **Federal Register** notices, comments received to date, a working “thought starter” document of the CG/HCCS on the scope of the harmonization effort, U.S. government and stakeholder comments on the “thought starter” scope clarification, Questions and Answers about the GHS, and a response to comments on the April 3 **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

**Michael Metelits,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy,  
Bureau of Oceans and International  
Environmental and Scientific Affairs.*

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## STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

### Grant Guideline

**AGENCY:** State Justice Institute.

**ACTION:** Final grant guideline.

**SUMMARY:** This guideline sets forth the administrative, programmatic, and financial requirements attendant to Fiscal Year 1998 State Justice Institute grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 3, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David I. Tevelin, Executive Director, or Richard Van Duizend, Deputy Director, State Justice Institute, 1650 King St. (Suite 600), Alexandria, VA 22314, by phone ((703) 684-6100), fax ((703) 684-7618), or e-mail (SJI@clark.net). The guideline, forms, and other information about SJI and its grants are available on the Institute's web site at <http://www.clark.net/pub/sji/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the State Justice Institute Act of 1984, 42 U.S.C. 10701, *et seq.*, as amended, the Institute is authorized to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to State and local courts, nonprofit organizations, and others for the purpose of improving the quality of justice in the State courts of the United States.

### Status of FY 1998 Appropriations

The Senate has approved an FY 1998 appropriation for SJI of \$13.55 million. The House Appropriations Committee has approved a \$3 million appropriation. A House-Senate conference will determine the Institute's final appropriation later this fall. The scope of the grant program in this Guideline and the funding targets noted for specific programs may be adjusted depending on the final funding figure.

### Types of Grants Available and Funding Schedules

The SJI grant program is designed to be responsive to the most important needs of the State courts. To meet the full range of the courts' diverse needs, the Institute offers five different categories of grants. The types of grants available in FY 1998 and the funding cycles for each program are provided below:

### Project Grants

These grants are awarded to support innovative education, research, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in State courts nationwide. Except for “Single Jurisdiction” project grants awarded under section II.C. (see below), project grants are intended to support innovative projects of national significance. As provided in section V. of the Guideline, project grants may ordinarily not exceed \$200,000 a year; however, grants in excess of \$150,000 are likely to be rare, and awarded only to support projects likely to have a significant national impact.

Applicants must ordinarily submit a concept paper (see section VI.) and an application (see section VII.) in order to obtain a project grant. As indicated in Section VI.C., the Board may make an “accelerated” grant of less than \$40,000 on the basis of the concept paper alone when (1) the need for the project is clear and (2) an application would likely provide little additional information about the operation of the project.

The FY 1998 mailing deadline for most project grant concept papers is November 24, 1997. Papers must be postmarked or bear other evidence of submission by that date. The Board of Directors will meet in late February 1998 to invite formal applications based on the most promising concept papers. Applications will be due in May and awards will be approved by the Board in July.

Special funding cycles are established for concept papers that follow up on the Symposium on the Future of the Juvenile Courts (see section II.B.2.h.), the National Conference on Full Faith and Credit (see section II.B.2.i.), and the National Sentencing Symposium (see section II.B.2.k.); and papers that implement the national agenda on assuring prompt and affordable justice (see section II.B.2.e.). Those concept papers must be mailed by March 12, 1998.

### Single Jurisdiction Project Grants

Section II.C. of the Guideline allocates funds for two types of “Single Jurisdiction” grants.

Section II.C.1. reserves up to \$300,000 for Projects Addressing a Critical Need of a Single State or Local Jurisdiction. To receive a grant under this program, an applicant must demonstrate that (1) the proposed project is essential to meeting a critical need of the jurisdiction and (2) the need cannot be met solely with State and local resources within the foreseeable future.