

decree in order to avoid a repetition of behavior that occurred limiting competition for food service contracts. Compliance with the proposed judgment will prevent joint ventures that illegally restrict competition or foster price collusion and allocation of sales, markets, and customers by the defendants with each other or between them and other food service contractors.

IV. Remedies Available to Potential Private Plaintiffs

After entry of the proposed final judgment, any potential plaintiff who might have been damaged by the alleged violation will retain the same right to sue for monetary damages and any other legal and equitable remedies which that person may have had if the proposed judgment had not been entered. The proposed judgment may not be used, however, as *prima facie* evidence in litigation, pursuant to Section 5(a) of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 16(a).

V. Procedures Available for Modification of the Proposed Final Judgment

The proposed final judgment is subject to a stipulation between the government and the defendants which provides that the government may withdraw its consent to the proposed judgment any time before the Court has found that entry of the proposed judgment is in the public interest. By its terms, the proposed judgment provides for the Court's retention of jurisdiction of this action in order to permit any of the parties to apply to the Court for such orders as may be necessary or appropriate for the modification of the final judgment.

As provided by the APPA (15 U.S.C. 16), any person wishing to comment upon the proposed judgment may, for a sixty-day (60) period subsequent to the publishing of this document in the **Federal Register**, submit written comments to the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Attention: William J. Oberdick, Acting Chief, Great Lakes Office, Plaza 9 Building; 55 Erieview Plaza, Suite 700; Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1816. Such comments and the government's response to them will be filed with the Court and published in the **Federal Register**. The government will evaluate all such comments to determine whether there is any reason for withdrawal of its consent to the proposed judgment.

VI. Alternative to the Proposed Final Judgment

The alternative to the proposed final judgment considered by the Antitrust Division will a full trial of the issues on the merits and on relief. The Division considers the substantive language of the proposed judgment to be of sufficient scope and effectiveness to make litigation on the issues unnecessary, as the judgment provides appropriate relief against the violations alleged in the complaint.

VII. Determinative Materials and Documents

No materials or documents were considered determinative by the United States in formulating the proposed Final Judgment. Therefore, none are being filed pursuant to the APPA, 15 U.S.C. 16(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Application for Procurement Quota for Controlled Substances.

The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 2, 1998.

We are requesting written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the 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 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.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to Mr. Frank Sapienza, 202-307-7183, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Mr. Frank Sapienza.

Additionally, comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Additional comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile at 202-514-1590.

Overview of this information collection:

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

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Procurement Quota for Controlled Substances. Agency form number: DEA Form 250; Applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

3. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Title 21, CFR, 1303.12 requires registered dosage form manufacturers who wish to purchase controlled substances in Schedule II to apply on DEA Form 250 for procurement quotas which limit purchase quantities. The information collected is used for establishing quotas and controlling procurement thereof.

4. *An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 531 respondents at 1 response per year at 1 hour per response.

5. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 531 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grants

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), DOL.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds; solicitation for grant applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the first round of competitive grants under a two year Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grant program enacted under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The WtW program assists States and local communities to provide the transitional employment assistance needed to move hard-to-employ recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) into lasting unsubsidized jobs. WtW grants are targeted to assisting those TANF recipients, and certain noncustodial parents, who have experienced, or have characteristics associated with, long-term welfare dependence. This announcement describes the conditions under which applications will be received under the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Competitive Grants Program and how DOL/ETA will determine which applications it will fund. This announcement includes all of the information and forms needed to apply for WtW competitive grants.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is March 10, 1998. For the funding cycle covered by this announcement, complete applications must be received at the address below no later than 2 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time). Except as provided below, grant applications received after this date and time will not be considered. Applications which are not accepted for this announcement must be resubmitted to be considered for future announcements.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training

Administration, Division of Acquisition Assistance, Attention: Mr. Willie Harris, SGA/DAA 98-004, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S4203, Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Willie Harris, Grant Management Specialist, Division of Acquisition Assistance, *Telephone:* (202) 219-8694. This is not a toll-free number. This announcement is also being published on the Internet on the Employment and Training Administration's Welfare-to-Work Home Page at <http://wtw.doleta.gov>. Copies of the Interim Final Rule governing the Welfare-to-Work program, including activities conducted under the competitive grants, are also available on the WtW Home Page. In addition, award notifications will be published on the WtW Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

Section 403(a)(5)(B) of Title IV of the Social Security Act. Regulations governing the WtW program are at 20 CFR Part 645, published at 62 FR 61588. These Interim Final Regulations were published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1997.

II. Submission of Applications

A signed original of the application and three copies must be submitted. An application should be single-spaced and shall not exceed twenty (20) single-sided pages for the Government Requirements/Statement of Work section, as described in the "Required Content for WtW Competitive Grant Applications—Fiscal Year 1998," plus an additional twenty-five (25) pages for Attachments, including the Project Synopsis, Evidence of State and Local Coordination, the Financial Plan and other recommended forms. A font size of at least 12 pitch is required.

Acceptable Methods of Submission

Applications may be hand-delivered or mailed. Hand-delivered applications must be received at the address identified above by the date and time specified. Overnight mail deliveries will be treated as hand-deliveries. Mailed applications that arrive after the closing date will be accepted if they are post-marked at least five (5) days prior to the closing date. Applications submitted via overnight mail that arrive after the closing date will be accepted if they are post-marked at least two (2) days prior to the closing date. Otherwise, late applications will not be accepted. Telegraphed and/or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applications may be withdrawn by written notice or telegram (including mailgram), or in person if the representative's identity is made known, and the representative signs a receipt for the application.

OMB Approval of Paperwork Burden

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1205-1387. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average twenty (20) hours per response, including the time to review the instructions, search existing data resources, gather data needed, and complete and review the information. Comments concerning this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Training Programs, Room N4459, Washington, D.C. 20210 (Paperwork Reduction Project 1205-1387). Comments may be reflected in the development of future solicitations.

III. Program Scope and Funding

Competitive grant projects will be expected to achieve the purpose of all WtW grants:

To provide transitional assistance which moves welfare recipients into unsubsidized employment providing good career potential for achieving economic self-sufficiency.

This transitional assistance is to be provided through a "work first" service strategy in which recipients are engaged in employment-based activities. Grant funds may be used to provide needed basic and/or vocational skills training as a post-employment service in conjunction with either subsidized or unsubsidized employment. This flexibility, established in the Regulations, reflects the basic "work first" philosophy of the WtW legislation, and recognizes the critical importance of continuous skills acquisition and lifelong learning to economic self-sufficiency.

All competitive grant projects will be expected to be an integral part of a comprehensive strategy for moving eligible individuals into unsubsidized employment in a local, community-based context. Projects should develop and implement innovative approaches that enhance a community's ability to move eligible individuals into self-sustaining employment, create upward mobility paths and higher earnings