

(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 Kristen Layman, 202-616-2896, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20530.

Additionally, 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 Kristen Mahoney, 202-616-2896, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20530.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement without Change of a Previously Approved Collection.*

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection: Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE).*

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.*

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: State and Local governments, private non-profit organizations, individuals, education institutions, hospitals, and private commercial organizations (if legislation allows). Other: None.

The information collected is used to determine applicant eligibility for the grant program Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE). Completion of such an application is a requirement for consideration for MORE grant funding. Upon receipt and review, the agency will notify the applicant whether it will receive such an award under this program.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 1,150 responses; 31.2 hours*

per response (including record keeping) = 35,880 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 35,880 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, D.C. 20530.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

**Brenda E. Dyer,**

*Department of Justice, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Importation of Controlled Substances Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958(i)), the Attorney General shall, prior to issuing a registration under this Section to a bulk manufacturer of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and prior to issuing a regulation under Section 1002(a) authorizing the importation of such a substance, provide manufacturers holding registrations for the bulk manufacture of the substance an opportunity for a hearing.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 1301.34 of Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that on January 2, 1998, Johnson Matthey, Inc., Pharmaceutical Materials, 2003 Nolte Drive, West Deptford, New Jersey 08066, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of phenylacetone (8501) a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The phenylacetone will be imported for conversion to amphetamine base, isomers and salts thereof for sale in bulk form to customers.

Any manufacturer holding, or applying for, registration as a bulk manufacturer of this basic class of controlled substance may file written comments on or objections to the application described above and may, at the same time, file a written request for a hearing on such application in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.43 in such form as prescribed by 21 CFR 1316.47.

Any such comments, objections or requests for a hearing may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than June 1, 1998.

This procedure is to be conducted simultaneously with and independent of the procedures described in 21 CFR 1301.34(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f). As noted in a previous notice at 40 FR 43745-46 (September 23, 1975), all applicants for registration to import basic class of any controlled substance in Schedule I or II are and will continue to be required to demonstrate to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration that the requirements for such registration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 958(a), 21 U.S.C. 823(a), and 21 CFR 1301.34(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are satisfied.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Collection; 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 new collection of the "Welfare to Work Monitoring

Guide". 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 **ADDRESSES** section below on or before June 29, 1998.

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:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Welfare to Work, ATTENTION: Alicia Fernandez-Mott, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4524, Washington, D.C. 20210; telephone: 202-208-7185 x183 (this is not a toll free number) and, fax: 202-219-0376.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA), a comprehensive welfare reform bill, under which the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program was established to supersede the Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) welfare program, the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) training program and the Emergency Assistance (EA) program. The TANF program section 401(a) of the Social Security Act (Act) established the following objectives:

- Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
- End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by

promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;

- Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and
- Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

The TANF provisions substantially changed the nation's welfare system from one in which cash assistance was provided on an entitlement basis to a system in which the primary focus is on moving welfare recipients to work and promoting family responsibility, accountability and self-sufficiency. In general, adult welfare recipients are expected to become self-sufficient within a 60-month period of time. In support of this "work-first" objective, the TANF provisions established an overall work participation rate for all households and a work participation rate for two-parent families that must be met by each State starting in fiscal year (FY) 97 and in each fiscal year thereafter through FY 2002. States that do not meet the TANF-established work participation rates face significant financial penalties.

On August 5, 1997, the President signed the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This legislation amended certain TANF provisions of the Act and authorized the Secretary of Labor to provide Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants to States and local communities for transitional employment assistance to move the hard-to-employ TANF welfare recipients into unsubsidized jobs and economic self-sufficiency.

Approximately 75 percent of WtW funds will be distributed to the States as formula grants in each fiscal year. The States will pass through at least 85 percent of their grant funds to local service delivery areas (SDAs) in their State, to be administered by the Private Industry Council (PIC) or an alternate administrative entity upon approval by the Secretary of Labor.

Approximately 25 percent of the WtW funds shall be distributed through competitive grants to PICs or private entities applying in conjunction with the PIC or political subdivision in a State. A second Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA), was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 1998. This provides notice of the availability of WtW grant funds under the competitive process; which includes all necessary information and forms to apply for these funds.

Interim Final Rules, 20 CFR Part 645, were published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1997, and provide direction for the implementation of

WtW Formula and Competitive grants. Oversight and monitoring responsibilities for all WtW grants are as prescribed in the Interim Final Rules:

#### **§ 645.245 Who is responsible for oversight and monitoring of Welfare-to-Work grants?**

(a) The Secretary may monitor all recipients and subrecipients of all grants awarded and funds expended under WtW. Federal oversight will be conducted primarily at the State level for formula grants and at the recipient level for competitive grants.

(b) The Governor shall monitor PICs (or other administrative entities as approved) funded under the State's formula allocated grants on a periodic basis for compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. The Governor shall develop and make available for review a State monitoring plan.

#### **II. Current Actions**

This Notice submits for public review and comment a proposed WtW Monitoring and Oversight Guide. The Guide is solely an instrument to assist the Department of Labor in meeting the responsibilities of the Secretary for oversight and monitoring of WtW Formula and Competitive grants.

The current draft was developed by the WtW Task Force and has undergone an initial internal review by ETA program and administrative staff. Secondly, it was reviewed by ETA Regional offices, the Office of the Inspector General, and by the Department of Health and Human Services. This initial and extensive review and editing process has resulted in a comprehensive draft, focused on WtW program performance, quality of service to TANF recipients, and WtW work-first strategies.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Welfare to Work Monitoring Guide.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0New.

*Affected Public:* State Agencies, public or private, profit and non-profit entities.

*Total Respondents:* 54 states and territories plus approximately 120 entities (competitive grants). This total includes, as respondents, all eligible States, however, it is possible that not all eligible States will apply for WtW funds. A revised information collection worksheet may be provided to reduce the burden hours.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 174.

*Average Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 696 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

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

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**Dennis Lieberman,**

*Acting Director, Office of Welfare to Work.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Job Training Partnership Act; Project Title: External Systems Building

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications (SGA).

**SUMMARY:** All information required to submit a grant application by eligible applicants is contained in this announcement. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, announces the availability of funds for State Apprenticeship Agencies and/or organizations that represent them (i.e., stakeholders, partners) to participate in enhancing the National Apprenticeship System. The demonstration program will be funded by the Job Training Partnership Act, (JTPA), Titles III and IV.

This notice provides information on the process that eligible entities must use to apply for demonstration funds, how grantees are to be selected, and the responsibilities of grantees.

**DATES:** The closing date for receipt of proposals is May 29, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be mailed to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Attention: Denise Roach, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210, Reference: SGA/DAA 98-012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise Roach, Division of Acquisition and Assistance. Telephone 202-219-7300, ext. 134 (this is not a toll-free number). Questions of a technical nature must be FAXED to 202-219-8739 to the attention of Ms. Roach.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training,

is soliciting proposals, on a competitive basis, to provide opportunities for apprenticeship stakeholders and partners to assist in enhancing the modern National Registered Apprenticeship System in order to improve its effectiveness in the 21st Century. Applicants selected for award will be those who best delineate their innovative approaches for enhancing the National Apprenticeship System. Proposals must demonstrate methods for modernizing apprenticeship systems to become aligned with the National Apprenticeship System's initiatives in expanding apprenticeship, developing competency systems, and developing new and innovative strategies for increasing the participation of women and minorities in our nation's apprenticeship programs.

The announcement consist of four parts. Part I describes the application process for eligible applicants who wish to apply for grant funds. Part II provides the Government's Required Statement of Work. Part III describes the selection criteria for award. Part IV provides information regarding reporting requirements.

#### Part I. Application Process

##### A. Eligibility

Eligible applicants are State Apprenticeship Agencies and/or organizations that represent them, i.e., stakeholders, partners, Human Resource Councils or State Workforce Development Councils.

##### B. Period of Performance

The Period of Performance will be July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

##### C. Funding

The Department anticipates awarding two (2) grants not to exceed \$60,000 each for a total of \$120,000. Applications that exceed \$60,000 will not be considered. Awards will be made on a competitive basis.

##### D. Page Limitation

Applicant's technical proposal shall be limited to 20 double-spaced, single-sided pages with 1-inch margins. Text type shall be at least 10 pitch or larger. Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

##### E. Submission of Proposal

Four (4) copies of the proposal (an original and three copies) must be received. Your proposal must be organized in the following manner:

Section I—Financial and Summary Information (this section does not count against your page limitation).

(1) Standard Form (SF)-424; "Application for Federal Assistance" (Appendix A). The Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number 17.246.

(2) A one or two page summary of your proposed project which shall include information on the number of welfare recipients in the State and proposed target area.

(3) "Budget Information", (Appendix B). Also include, on separate pages, a detailed breakout of each proposed budget line item.

Section II—Technical Proposal (limited to 20 pages).

Your technical proposal must demonstrate the grant applicant's capabilities in accordance with the Statement of Work in Part II of this solicitation. No cost data or reference to costs shall be included in the Technical Proposal. Applicants must also include resumes of proposed staff and an organizational chart.

#### F. Hand Delivered Proposals

Proposals may be mailed or delivered by hand. A mailed proposal should be mailed no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the closing date for the receipt of applications. Hand-delivered grant applications must be received at the designated place by 2:00 p.m., (Eastern Time) on the closing date for receipt of applications. All overnight mail shall be considered to be hand-delivered and must be received at the designated place by the specified time on the closing date. Telegraphed, electronic mail, or faxed proposals will not be honored. Applications that fail to adhere to the above instructions will not be honored.

#### G. Late Proposals

A proposal received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it—

(1) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day service, Post Office to Addressee not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of the proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays.

(2) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of applications (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of applications by the 20th of the month must be mailed by the 15th); The term "post-mark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily