

numerous opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. Ten Scoping meetings will be held in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Notice of the Scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers prior to the meetings indicating the date, time, and location of each Scoping meeting.

PEIS Preparation

Public notice will be given in the **Federal Register** concerning the availability of the PEIS for public review and comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Verwers, Assistant Director, INS A/E Resource Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, Telephone: 817-978-0202, or Manuel Rodriguez, Chief, Policy and Planning Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Facilities and Engineering Division, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, Room 2102, Telephone: 202-353-0383.

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Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1941-98]

Announcement of District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters Fourth Meeting

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) has established a District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters (DACOIM) to provide the New York District Director of the Service with recommendations on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction and to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices. The purpose of this notice is to announce the forthcoming meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: The fourth meeting of the DACOIM is scheduled for September 24, 1998, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at JFK International Airport, Building 14,

Main Conference Room, Port Authority of New York, Jamaica, NY 11430.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100 New York, New York 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings will be held tri-annually on the fourth Thursday during the months of September, January, and May through 1999.

Summary of Agenda

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct general business, review sub-committee reports, and facilitate public participation. The DACOIM will be chaired by Charles Troy, Assistant District Director for Management, New York District, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Public Participation

The DACOIM meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting for consideration by the DACOIM. Written statement should be sent to Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736. Only written statements received by 5 p.m. on September 18, 1998 will be considered for presentation at the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available upon request.

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Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Victims of Crime

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Reinstatement, with no change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Victims of Crime Act, Crime

Victim Assistance Grant Program, Subgrant Award Report.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below: This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** and allowed 60 days for public comment.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments from September 28, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 1320, 10.

Written 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 the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, D.C. 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address the following points:

- (1) Does the proposed information collection instrument include all relevant program performance measures;
- (2) Does the proposed information to be collected have practical utility;
- (3) Does the proposed information to be collected enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Does the proposed information to be collected 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.

Overview of this Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* Reinstatement, with no change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victim Assistance Subgrant Award Report.

(3) The agency form number if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: *Form:* OJP Admin Form 7390/2A (Rev. 11-95) Office of Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: *Primary:* State government. *Other:* None.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 53 respondents to complete a 3 minute subgrant award report, however a State can be responsible for entering subgrant data for as many as 186 programs to as few as 10 programs. Additionally, 4 respondents will be submitting 14 subgrant award reports manually, estimated 2 hours per report.

(6) *An estimated of the total burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The combined estimated total hours (manual and electronic submissions) for the 57 respondents to submit information is 189 hours (159 electronic submissions + 28 hours manual submissions).

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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; Notice for Public Submissions of Information

This document is a notice for public submissions for the purpose of gathering information regarding a study being conducted by the Department of Labor on the development of a methodology for the regular reporting of working conditions in the production of apparel imported into the United States. The Department of Labor is now accepting written information on this subject matter from all interested parties. The Department is not able to provide financial assistance to those preparing written submissions.

The Department of Labor is currently undertaking a Congressional-mandated study on developing a methodology for the regular reporting of working conditions in the production of apparel imported into the United States (pursuant to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1998, Public Law 105-78). The Senate Committee report

for the Appropriations Bill reads, in part: "In addition, the Committee is concerned by the large and growing problem of abusive treatment of workers around the world who produce apparel for export to the United States and the impact of that treatment on companies and workers in the United States. In an effort to obtain more detailed and accurate information, the Committee urges the Department to establish a methodology and format for reporting regularly on the use of sweatshops in the production of apparel for import into the United States. Because the Department's reporting capabilities are currently limited to violations by domestic producers only, the misleading impression that violations of law and substandard conditions in the industry are far more extensive within the United States than elsewhere is given. Development of new reporting methods should help to correct the existing imbalance in the Department's current reporting on this subject."

Information provided through public submissions will be considered by the Department of Labor in preparing its report to Congress. Materials submitted should be confined to the specific topic of the study. In particular, the Department's Bureau of International Labor Affairs is seeking written submissions on the topics noted below:

1. Laws, policies, initiatives, and enforcement strategies to regulate working conditions in a country's apparel export sector; efforts being made to strengthen enforcement of a country's labor laws, focus enforcement resources on the apparel sector, or change labor laws; and the existence of effective partnerships with local non-governmental organizations or international initiatives to improve working conditions in the apparel sector or to eliminate sweatshop conditions.

2. Available factual information that quantifies the results of the laws, policies, and initiatives referred to in item 1 above, and the extent to which such information corresponds to the information currently reported by the U.S. Department of Labor on sweatshop conditions in the United States (e.g., number of investigations conducted, number of investigations with violations found, name of companies found in violation, amount of back wages recovered, number of employees receiving back wages, and civil fines imposed).

3. Significant actions that are being taken by non-governmental organizations in major apparel exporting countries (such as the development of codes of conduct) that could lead to improved conditions for apparel

workers, and measurable results available of such actions.

4. The extent to which working conditions in the apparel exporting sector of a country conform to or differ from those in other sectors of the economy.

This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public. The Department is seeking facts or opinions in response to this solicitation, and is not requiring commenters to supply specific information about themselves.

DATES: Submitters of information will be required to provide two (2) copies of their written submission to the Office of International Economic Affairs by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written submissions should be addressed to the Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-5325, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, fax: (202) 219-5071.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jorge F. Perez-Lopez, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-5325, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-7597 ext. 145; fax (202) 219-5071.

All written materials submitted pursuant to this request will be made part of the record of review referred to above and will be available for public inspection.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 25th day of August, 1998.

Jorge F. Perez-Lopez,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of August, 1998.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility