

Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20531, (202) 307-6166.

Proposals must include both narrative descriptions and a detailed budget. The narrative shall describe activities as discussed in the previous sections. The budget shall contain detailed costs of personnel, travel, equipment, supplies, and other expenses.

Proposals should describe in appropriate detail the efforts to be undertaken in furtherance of each of the activities described in the Scope of Work. The application must demonstrate:

- A familiarity with relevant research on racial disparity, with particular reference to the technical difficulties of isolating the effect of the race variable.
- A conceptual understanding of the limitations of the past research and the kind of improvements that would be helpful in analysis of racial disparities.
- A familiarity with the stages in juvenile justice processing that are the focus of data collection in the DMC initiative.
- The feasibility of acquiring and analyzing a relevant data set or data sets, including any issues of confidentiality of the data and/or protection of the human subjects of research.
- The approximate numbers or proportions of individuals represented in the data set who belong to the subgroups being studied.
- A familiarity with any analyses that have already been conducted or are ongoing with the selected data set.

Applicants are encouraged to define the terms "racial disparity" or "racial discrimination" as they consider appropriate to the context. They may examine any subgroups defined by race, ethnicity, country of origin, or other factor which is believed to be a source of discrimination, and conceptual advances in defining "discrimination" are welcome.

Applications will be evaluated on the overall extent to which they respond to the goals of improving the methodological research in the area of disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system; the quality and feasibility of the proposed design; their expertise in relation to the proposed activities; and the reasonableness of estimated costs for the total project and for individual cost categories.

Proposals should be mailed to: Timothy C. Hart, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20531, (202) 307-6166.

Timing

This award will be made for a period of 12 months. Costs are estimated at not to exceed \$200,000 for the 12-month period. Each element of the Scope of Work must be successfully completed within 12-months of this award.

Statutory Authority

The grant and/or Fellowship awarded through this solicitation will be funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics consistent with its mandate under 42 U.S.C. § 3732(c) (Sec. 302.).

Eligibility Requirements

BJS especially invites applications from researchers who have been active at the national or state level in OJJDP's Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) initiative. However, the solicitation is open to any applicant who can demonstrate statistical expertise related to improving current research focusing on disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system. Individuals currently working for a State agency may be eligible for this award through a cooperative agreement with their agency or an interagency agreement.

Jan M. Chaiken,

Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 22, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) 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). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation of ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or

VETS, 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

Title: Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(g)).

OMB Number: 1218-0070.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 123.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes (0.33 hour).

Total Burden Hours: 41.

Description: The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents. (29 U.S.C. 657). In the event an employee is injured while operating a mechanical power press, 29 CFR 1910.217(g) requires the employer to provide information to OSHA regarding the accident within 30 days of the accident. This information includes the employer's and employee's names, workplace address, injury sustained, task being performed when the injury occurred, number of operators involved, cause of the accident, type of clutch and safeguard(s) used, and means used to actuate the press.

OSHA's Office of Electrical, Electronic, and Mechanical Engineering

Safety Standards collects and reviews the accident information for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the Mechanical Power Press Standard. The accident information also is forwarded to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for analysis and compilation of an epidemiology database on point-of-operation injuries. In addition, OSHA's Office of Compliance Programs is conducting a national emphasis program aimed at reducing the number and severity of power press injuries. It needs the accident information provided in these reports to evaluate the types of injuries that occur, and to identify the equipment and conditions associated with these injuries.

In summary, as production evolves and new technologies arise (or old ones decline), it is necessary to have up-to-date accident information. This information is useful in revising the standard, planning enforcement strategies, and training compliance officers, as well as for developing hazard alerts that address exceptionally hazardous equipment or operations.

Ira L. Mills,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Training Partnership Act, Title III, Demonstration Program: Comprehensive Incumbent/Dislocated Worker Retraining Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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

This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms need to apply for grant funding.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces a demonstration program to test the ability of the workforce development system to create projects or industry-led consortia for the purpose of upgrading current workers, designing or adapting training curricula in skills shortage occupational areas, or in regionally important business/industry areas including manufacturing and machining, and specialized industrial areas such as plastics,

telecommunications and the environment, and to recruit/retrain workers in these occupations. The dislocated and/or incumbent workers who will be assisted by these efforts include specific groups such as agricultural workers, low skilled workers, and those needing assistance in overcoming barriers to employment. These barriers to employment may be caused by living in rural communities, having limited options for transportation to work, having inadequate or obsolete skills or having skills in declining occupations. The focus of these efforts will be on skills training in skills shortage occupations including welding and metals, new and growing occupations in technological fields such as information technology, telecommunications, and other fields in which technology skills are critical parts of the jobs emerging in their regional labor markets. Any consortia established as a result of this competition would also be expected to enhance the strategic planning efforts and policy efforts of local boards under the Workforce Investment Act in these areas.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday, April 27, 2000. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. eastern standard time. No exceptions to the mailing and hand-delivery conditions set forth in this notice will be granted. Applications that do not meet the conditions set forth in this notice will not be considered. Telefacsimile (FAX) applications will not be honored.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Marian G. Floyd, Reference: SGA/DFA 00-103; 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210.

Hand-Delivered Proposals. Proposals should be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the closing date. However, if proposals are hand delivered, they must be received at the designated address by 4 p.m., Eastern Time on Thursday, April 27, 2000. All overnight mail will be considered to be hand-delivered and must be received at the designated place by the specified closing date and time. Telegraphed, electronic, or faxed proposals will not be honored. Failure to adhere to these instructions will be a basis for determination of nonresponsiveness.

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 the award is made and was either:

(1) Sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service—Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5 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 the U.S. Federal holidays.

(2) Sent by U.S. Postal Service registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of application (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 only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late proposal sent either by U.S. Postal Service registered or certified mail is the U.S. postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the proposal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Post-mark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation "bull's eye" postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper. Both postmarks must show a legible date, or the application shall be processed as though it had been mailed late.

Withdrawal of Applications.

Applications may be withdrawn by written notice or telegram (including mailgram) received at any time before an award is made. Applications may be withdrawn in person by the applicant or by an authorized representative thereof, if the representative's identity is made known and the representative signs a receipt for the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fax questions to Marian G. Floyd, Division of Federal Assistance at (202) 219-8739 (this is not a toll-free number). All inquiries sent via fax should include the SGA /DFA-00-103 and contact name, fax and phone number. This solicitation will also be published on the Internet on the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Home Page at <http://www.doleta.gov>. Award notifications will also be published on the ETA Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ETA is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for comprehensive incumbent and