

review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 72, Number 226, page 65985 on November 26, 2007, allowing for a 60-day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until February 25, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact John Paul Jones, Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Office of Science and Technology, Investigative and Forensic Sciences Division, Phone: 202-307-5715 Fax: 202-307-9907, E-mail: john.paul.jones@usdoj.gov.

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

- 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 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.

Overview of this Information Collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Survey of Law Enforcement's Forensic Backlogs.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None; U.S. Department of Justice Office

of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* State and local law enforcement officials.

Abstract: The National Institute of Justice will use this survey to determine the size and nature of forensic evidence backlogs in state and local law enforcement agencies. For the purposes of this survey, these forensic backlogs are defined as the number of homicide, rape, and property crime cases that contain forensic evidence but that have not been submitted to forensic crime laboratories for analysis. The 2005 Census of Crime Laboratories conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics details the size of forensic evidence backlogs in the nation's crime laboratory system. In order to develop a complete picture of forensic backlogs across the criminal justice system, the Survey of Law Enforcement's Forensic Backlogs will provide much needed information on forensic evidence backlogs in state and local law enforcement agencies.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time needed for an average respondent to respond is broken down as follows:* An estimated 2,975 respondents with an average burden time of 30 minutes—1,488 hours total.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated total public burden associated with this collection is 1,488 hours.

If additional information is required, contact Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 25, 2008.

Lynn Bryant,

Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Corrections

Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement: Strategic Planning Coordinator, Kansas Evidence Based Practices Implementation Effort

AGENCY: National Institute of Corrections, DOJ.

ACTION: Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) solicits proposals from organizations or individuals for a 12-month cooperative agreement to provide coaching on executive leadership and complex project management to achieve the implementation of evidence based practices (EBP) on offender risk reduction in the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Community Corrections Act oversight unit and a limited number of local community corrections agencies. The project is jointly supported by NIC and the JEHT Foundation.

This Request for Proposals seeks a successful applicant to facilitate the strategic change process at both the KDOC oversight and selected local community corrections agencies levels. The coaching will include evidence based policy and practice related to decision making by criminal justice officials and stakeholders; organizational development knowledge and strategies; and assessment, case management and behavioral interventions for the State's adult felony probation population. The selected applicant will need to be available for on site facilitation and off site coaching beginning early April, 2008, and continuing for twelve months thereafter. An initial site visit including NIC and JEHT representation will be scheduled upon award of the cooperative agreement.

DATES: Applications must be received by 4 p.m. EST on Friday, February 22, 2008. Selection of the successful applicant; and notification of review results to all applicants: March 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mailed applications must be sent to: Director, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW., Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534. Applicants are encouraged to use Federal Express, UPS, or similar service to ensure delivery by the due date. Hand delivered applications should be brought to 500 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20534. At the front desk, call (202) 307-3106, extension 0 for pickup.

Faxed applications will not be accepted. The only electronic applications (preferred) that will be accepted must be submitted through <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this announcement and the required application forms can be downloaded from the NIC Web site at <http://www.nicic.org>. Hard copies of the announcement can be obtained by calling Pam Davison at 1-800-995-6423

x 3-0484 or E-mail pdavison@bop.gov.
mailto:jevans@bop.gov.

Questions regarding the solicitation should be directed to Mr. Keiser at gkeiser@bop.gov. Questions regarding the Kansas Community Corrections Act authorization, the history and current status of EBP implementation in community corrections act agencies or other relevant Kansas legislative requirements should be directed to Kathleen Graves, Director, Community Corrections, KDOC, at Kathleeng@kdoc.dc.state.ks.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The KDOC has initiated a broad effort to implement evidence based policies and practices regarding offender risk reduction throughout the State's corrections system. The KDOC Parole and Institutions staff already are making good progress in implementing evidence based principles in their functional units. The focus of this effort will be the implementation of EBP in the State's community corrections system of locally governed community corrections agencies and the KDOC oversight unit, authority for each established by Community Corrections Act legislation in the early 1980s. In a related effort, Evidence Based Policy and Practice Awareness Development Training Sessions were provided to Community Corrections Act Executive Directors and some key stakeholders at the end of calendar year 2007. The Awareness Development Sessions will be expanded and offered to all Kansas community corrections staff during the first quarter of calendar year 2008. These sessions are funded by the JEHT Foundation and conducted by the Center for Effective Public Policy. The work of the successful applicant must be cognizant of and consistent with this awareness development training.

Goals of the Strategic Planning and Coaching Cooperative Agreement: The first goal is to build the capacity of the KDOC to provide effective oversight and technical guidance to the local based community corrections agencies in order to expand the implementation of EBP in local jurisdictions. The areas of capacity building may include, but are not limited to, total operational management, substantive expertise and coaching (on the content and organizational development principles of EBP), program and financial audits and quality assurance.

The second goal is to facilitate the development/improvement of the operational infrastructure in a limited number of local community corrections agencies so that these agencies may more effectively implement and sustain

EBP risk reduction strategies. The term, operational infrastructure, refers to the business practices required to align and manage operational procedures and resources; and the tracking of critical outputs and outcomes with the substantive EBP approaches. These agencies will be learning laboratories for further statewide implementation. The local community corrections agencies will be selected by the KDOC based on clear selection criteria and in close consultation with applicant local agencies. The successful applicant is expected to assist KDOC with the development of selection criteria, analysis of applications and sustained implementation in the local agencies.

Proposal Preparation: Persons interested in providing these facilitation and coaching services should prepare a proposal that outlines a strategic planning approach, including the straightforward delineation of measurable goals and objectives, intermediate benchmarks, assigned action steps, and feedback loops. The plan should be developed for two levels: (1) KDOC oversight; and (2) selected local community corrections agencies and jurisdictions. It should contain subsections addressing the need for management information and other data collection systems, multi-level communication, quality assurance, and program evaluation. It should include an approach to project coordination among the KDOC, local community corrections agencies and funders/sponsors.

The successful applicant must demonstrate a logic model for building initially and sustaining over time and the competencies and capacity required by both the state oversight and the local program delivery functions. The applicant should identify the likely measurable outputs that would indicate successful progress toward the changes in EBP implementation infrastructure and process at both State and local governance levels.

Required Expertise: It is highly desirable for the successful applicant to demonstrate experience in managing a statewide or large jurisdiction change effort centered on evidence based practice for offender risk reduction, as well as in coaching executives on successful change leadership. It also will be helpful if the successful applicant's experience includes the phased implementation of other criminal justice system change efforts, training of judges and other stakeholders, and the development of risk assessment and case management procedures. Basic practical knowledge

of probation and risk reduction research are critical.

Application Requirements: The application should be concisely written, typed double spaced and reference the "NIC Application Number" and Title provided in this announcement. The application package must include: OMB Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, a cover letter that identifies the audit agency responsible for the applicant's financial accounts as well as the audit period or fiscal year that the applicant operates under (e.g., July 1 through June 30), a program narrative responding to the requirements in this announcement, a description of the qualifications of the applicant(s), an outline of projected costs, and the following forms: OMB Standard Form 424A, Budget Information-Non Construction Programs, OMB Standard Form 424B, Assurances-Non Construction Programs, DOJ/NIC Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. These forms are available from <http://www.nicic.org>, under the "About Us" bar, "Cooperative Agreements."

Submit an original and three copies of your full proposal (program and budget narrative, application forms and assurances) and limit the program narrative text to 10 double spaced pages, exclusive of resumes and summaries of experience. Please do not submit full curriculum vitae. The original should have the applicant's signature in blue ink.

A telephonic conference will be conducted for persons receiving this solicitation and having a serious intent to respond on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 3 p.m. EST. In the conference, representatives of KDOC, NIC, and the JEHT Foundation will respond to questions regarding the solicitation, the expectations of work to be performed, and the current status of EBP work and development efforts in the State. Please notify Mr. Keiser electronically by close of business on February 1, 2008, regarding your interest in participating in the conference, and you will be provided the call-in number and instructions.

Additional Resources: Twelve reference documents for additional information can be found on NIC's Web site. Go to <http://nicic.org>, click on "Community," then scroll to "Shared Files," and finally click on "Tools for Evidence Based Implementation."

Authority: Pub. L. 93-415.

Funds Available: NIC is seeking the applicant's best ideas regarding delivery

approaches and their related costs for achieving the goals of the solicitation through on-site and off-site assistance. The final budget and award amount will be negotiated between the funders and the successful applicant. Funds may only be used for the activities that are linked to the desired outcome of the project. No funds are transferred to state or local governments.

Eligibility of Applicants: An eligible applicant is any public or private agency, educational institution, organization, individual or team with expertise in the described areas.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to a 3 to 5 person NIC and joint funding agency Review Process.

Number of Awards: One.

NIC Application Number: 08C75. This number should appear as a reference line in the cover letter, in box 4a of Standard Form 424, and outside of the envelope in which the application is sent.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 16.603.

E.O. 12372: This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372.

E.O. 12372 allows states the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their states for assistance under certain Federal programs. Applicants (other than Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), a list of which can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Dated: January 23, 2008.

Morris Thigpen,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request of the ETA-9016, on Alien Claims Activity Report; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/ombcn/ombcontrolnumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Nancy Dean, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3215 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: dean.nancy@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA-9016 Report is used by the Department of Labor to assess whether (and the extent to which) the requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) system are cost-effective and otherwise appropriate for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. In addition, data from the Alien Claims Activity Report is being used to assist the Secretary of Labor in determining whether a State Workforce Agency's (SWA) administrative costs associated with the verification program are reasonable and reimbursable. There is no other report or system available for collecting this required information.

The report allows the Department of Labor to determine the number of aliens filing for UI, the number of benefit issues detected, the denials of benefits to aliens, the extent to which State Agencies use the system, and the overall effectiveness and cost efficiency of the verification system. If SWAs are not required to submit the information on the Alien Claims Activity Report, the Department of Labor would not be able

to fulfill its responsibilities to assess the SAVE system.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection for the ETA 9016 Report on Alien Claims Activity. Comments are requested to:

- 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.

III. Current Actions

Continued collection of the ETA-9016 data will provide for a comprehensive evaluation of the UI Alien Claims Activities. The data are collected quarterly, and an analysis of the data received is formulated into a report summarizing the Alien Claims Activity by the 53 SWAs.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: ETA 9016, Alien Claims Activity Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0268.

Agency Number: ETA 9016.

Affected Public: 53 State governments.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 53 States.

Total Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 212 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

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

Dated: January 24, 2008.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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