

General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Beazer East, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1108.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, Western Division, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 800, Federal Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601-1461; the Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library for a copy of the Consent Decree.

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## National Institute of Corrections

### Cooperative Agreement Announcement

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Corrections, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The NIC announces the solicitation of applications for the study of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

**DATES:** Applications for this cooperative agreement will be available beginning February 15, 1995. Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 20, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Request copies of the solicitation (application) from NIC, 320 First St., N.W. (HOLC), Washington, D.C. 20534, by FAX to 202-307-3361.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John E. Moore or Ms. Anna Z. Thompson, (202) 307-1300, ext. 147 or 145.

### Cooperative Agreement Announcement District of Columbia Department of Corrections Study

#### I. Overview

Congress has appropriated \$200,000 to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for Federal Fiscal Year 1995 to fund an in-depth study of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections (DC DOC). Therefore, the National Institute of Corrections is soliciting applications from organizations or individuals knowledgeable about correctional management, programs and operations. The project to be funded involves an analysis and evaluation of specific areas of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections. Some areas will also require attention in the development of a program design as well as implementation strategies. The project should include, but not be limited to, a compilation and review of existing data and relevant information; analysis of the data, to include previous and/or on-going court ordered evaluations and findings; evaluation of areas listed below; and recommendations for programmatic and operational improvement in the DC DOC based on current and "best" practices.

#### II. Scope

The successful applicant will document findings and recommendations in a report to be made available to NIC. The report will be based on a comprehensive study of each of the areas listed below:

- \* Analysis of the rated capacity of the system, to include an analysis of the appropriate number of inmates to be housed in each facility;

- \* Design and implementation of an objective classification system and a community risk assessment system;

- \* Staffing analysis;

- \* A review of the policies, procedures, standards, regulations and laws currently governing human resource issues within the D.C. Department of Corrections including hiring, training, assignment, and promotion of personnel with a special emphasis on hiring and training standards;

- \* Assessment of the physical plant, to include, but not be limited to, state of repair and safety and health considerations;

- \* Security analysis of those facilities which are not under court order, to include, but not be limited to, internal security, perimeter/external security, and assessment of emergency preparedness; (through and comprehensive security audits as well

as assessments of emergency preparedness have been conducted at Central, Maximum and the Jail by Court consultants. This effort will be extended to all other facilities by the cooperative agreement recipient);

- \* Facility safety and health assessments, primarily of an environmental nature, to include, but not be limited to, food service sanitation, vector control, air quality, water supply and sewage disposal, lighting, and noise control, and communicable disease and infection control. (Comprehensive assessments are currently being conducted at Central, Maximum, Modular and the Jail by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) with thorough, detailed reports issued every four months by highly qualified environmental health and safety experts. The concerns at the facilities under court scrutiny are probably similar to those at all DC facilities and these issues can be addressed by auditing the facilities not under court scrutiny and extrapolating the relevant findings of the DCRA reports to them);

- \* Assessment of the adequacy of existing financial resources;

- \* Review and recommendations as to new and/or additional policies and procedures relative to the above mentioned areas.

Funding for this project has been set at \$200,000 which will support one cooperative agreement. Activities funded through this agreement are to be completed within six months after the project award. Those eligible for application consideration include state agencies; public for profit or non-profit organizations; associations; educational institutions; other organizations and individuals. This project is on an expedited time frame and the award recipient should be prepared to begin work within 45 days of the closing date of the announcement. Applications for this project must be received by the Prisons Division no later than 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 20, 1995.

**Note:** It is acceptable for two or more organizations to join together to submit a joint application for this award or for an applicant to propose some type of a subcontract. There are specific provisions which apply to these types of arrangements. Any applicants planning on proposing such an arrangement should contact NIC and specifically request the briefing materials related to this issue, see Section VI.

#### III. Application Procedures

The applicant must complete OMB Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance; the certification of a drug-free workplace; and the

certification regarding debarment (Copies of these forms are included in the Institutes' Annual Program Plan.) Detailed procedures for preparing financial assistance applications are given in the NIC Guidelines Manual: Instructions for Applying for Federal Assistance. Each of the above referenced documents will be made available upon request, see Section VI.

Applications should be submitted in six copies. At least one of the six copies must bear the original signature, in ink, of the administrator or chief executive officer of the applicant organization. A cover letter must identify the responsible audit agency for the applicant's financial accounts. Applications must be written concisely and typed double spaced.

Applications must detail the project, the objectives, and the plan for implementing the proposal. Projected costs and description of the qualifications of the applicant(s) must be included. The projected cost of conducting the project is a critical element in the decision making process, and the Institute urges applicants to keep indirect costs, in particular, to a minimum. In addition, applicants must assure that they have the personnel resources to complete this project within the specified timeframes.

Applications being sent by mail should be addressed to the National Institute of Corrections, Grant Office, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20534. Applications transmitted by fax will not be accepted or acknowledged. Applications for grants should not be sent to NIC Longmont, Colorado, offices. Applications being sent by personal delivery or Federal Express should be directed to the National Institute of Corrections, 500 First Street, N.W., Grants Office, Seventh Floor, Washington, D.C. 20534.

#### IV. Application Review Procedures

Applications for grants and cooperative agreements are reviewed by a team of Institute staff members. The applications are subsequently approved or disapproved by the Director of the National Institute of Corrections. Four categories of criteria are used in reviewing applications: programmatic, organizational, project management, and financial/administrative. Among the specific criteria used to evaluate the applications are:

- \* Indication of a clear understanding of the specific areas of corrections to be addressed by this project and the key issues;

- \* Well-defined project objectives, tasks, and resources necessary to meet the objectives;

- \* Technical soundness of the design and methodology for achieving the project goals;

- \* Description of all elements and tasks of the project, and realistic timeframes necessary to complete the tasks;

- \* Background, experience, and expertise of the proposed project staff, including any subcontractors;

- \* Sufficient and realistic time commitments from key project staff;

- \* Reputation or recognized skill of the applicant organization and any proposed subcontractors;

- \* Financial and administrative integrity of the proposal, including adherence to federal financial guidelines and processes;

- \* Adequate detail and narrative about the cost elements in the proposed budget.

#### V. Project Outcome

The final product will be a camera-ready document that is fully and professionally edited and prepared in accordance with NIC and federal publications guidelines. A copy of the "General Conditions" for projects entailing the preparation of a report for publication and public dissemination is available upon request, see section VI.

Monthly briefings, quarterly progress reports and a three month interim product will be required. The Cooperative Agreement recipient will be expected to work closely with the NIC Project Monitor as well as the designated Project Coordinator from the DC Department of Corrections.

#### VI. Additional Information

To obtain additional information including OMB Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance; the certification of a drug-free workplace; certification regarding debarment (Copies of these forms are included in the Institutes' Annual Program Plan), as well as, NIC Guidelines Manual: Instructions for Applying for Federal Assistance and "General Conditions" for the preparation of printed material you may contact John E. Moore or Anna Z. Thompson, Correctional Program Specialists, Prisons Division, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First St., N.W. (HOLC), Washington, D.C. 20534, Phone: 202-307-1300, ext. 147 or 145 or fax 202-307-3361.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health; Full Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health, established under section 107(e)(1) of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656), will meet on February 28-March 1, 1995 at the Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-5521/5523, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9 a.m. on February 28 and 8:30 a.m. on March 1.

On February 28, in the morning, OSHA will brief the ACCSH on the focused inspection policy; the status of the Excellence in Construction Program; fall protection for construction workers erecting non-building steel structures; the deliberations of the Steel Erection Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; and the standards planning process. Workgroups will meet in the afternoon. On March 1, work groups will report back to the full Committee and plans will be made for the next meeting. The meeting will end at approximately 12:00 noon.

Written data, views or comments may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to the Division of Consumer Affairs, at the address provided below. Any such submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to the members of the Committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should notify the Division of Consumer Affairs before the meeting. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Persons who request the opportunity to address the Advisory Committee may be allowed to speak, as time permits, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should contact Tom Hall, at the address indicated below, if special accommodations are needed.

For additional information contact: Holly Nelson, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Room S-2316, Telephone 202-219-6027; or Tom Hall, Division of Consumer Affairs, Room N-3647, Telephone 202-219-8615, at the