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, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202–395–7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to 202–514–1534.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points:

(1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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 techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The proposed collection is listed below:

(1) Type of information collection. Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection. Pretest of a survey on ''Police Public Contact,''

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: PPCS–1. Office of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract. Primary: Individuals or households. Other: None. This pretest will assist the Bureau of Justice Statistics in determining whether the National Crime Victimization Survey is an appropriate vehicle for implementing the annual data collection/reporting requirement set forth in Section 210402 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. This statute requires the Attorney General to produce annual statistics on the use of excessive force by police nationwide.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond. 12,000 respondents: of the 12,000 respondents about 11,400 will only answer the lead-in or screening questions which takes one (1) minute per respondent. Additionally, 600 respondents will be asked the detailed questions which takes ten (10) minutes per respondent.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection. 290 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

[FR Doc. 96–7194 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410–18–M

Bureau of Justice Statistics

[OJP No. 1073]

RIN 1121–ZA29

Solicitation for Award of Cooperative Agreement To Continue the Bureau of Justice Statistics Criminal Justice Information Policy Program

AGENCY: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

ACTION: Solicitation for Award of Cooperative Agreement.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a public solicitation for the continuation of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Criminal Justice Information Policy program. The program, which has been in existence since 1978, serves as the primary liaison between BJS, the States, and other Federal agencies, on issues relating to the quality, content, management, use and exchange of criminal history record information (CHRI). Projects supported under the program include, but are not limited to, major national conferences on criminal justice data quality issues, comprehensive national surveys of State criminal history data quality, numerous workshops on emerging issues such as the uses of Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS) and forensic uses of DNA, National Task Forces composed of members representing all components of the Federal and State criminal justice systems, ongoing review of State legislative developments and preparation of a biannual Compendium of State legislation, and extensive preparation of materials and training in areas such as data quality auditing.

A key element in all of these efforts is the extent to which the program provides for direct input by States, for coordination among the States on program activities, and for liaison between the project and other relevant agencies of the Federal Government such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The presently proposed project, which is designed to continue these activities, will be funded under a cooperative agreement.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked on or before April 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Proposal should be mailed to: Applications Coordinator, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Room 1144 D, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol G. Kaplan, Chief, Criminal History Improvement Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 633 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20531, (202) 307–0759.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Bureau of Justice Statistics Justice Information Policy Assistance (JIPA) program represents the primary response of BJS to its legislative charter to ''Identify, analyze and participate in the implementation of privacy, security and information policies which impact on Federal and State criminal justice operations and related statistical activities.'' See section 302(c)(22) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 3732(c)(22). The program is designed to assist States in upgrading the quality of State criminal history record systems and in increasing the utility of criminal history records for both criminal and non-criminal justice purposes. The program also provides for coordination among States and between States and BJS and other Federal agencies on national issues such as the interstate system for the exchange of criminal history record data.

The BJS Program was initiated over eighteen years ago, concurrent with the issuance of Department of Justice Regulations set out at 28 C.F.R. Part 20 which requires that States ensure that criminal history records are accurate, complete, secure, and disseminated only to authorized users. Since its inception, projects undertaken under the program have focussed on the

rapidly changing technology, legislation and policies affecting criminal history record systems. Of equal importance, the project has served as the primary liaison among the States and Federal agencies on issues of data quality and criminal record exchange. The program is also closely coordinated with the Bureau of Justice Assistance which administers the Edward Byrne State and Local Law Enforcement Formula Grant program. The 1990 amendments to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986, as amended, require that at least five percent of these grant funds be used for the improvement of criminal justice records.

Over the past eighteen years, five national conferences on criminal justice data quality and data management have been conducted under the proposal. The conferences have included speakers representing the Congress, the Department of Justice and State criminal justice practitioners, researchers, and members of the judiciary. Proceedings of the conferences have also been prepared and widely distributed.

In addition to the national conferences, smaller workshops have been conducted to explore the issues and technologies in emerging areas such as automated fingerprint technology, forensic uses of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), dissemination techniques and strategies to improve data quality. Documents prepared on the basis of State input at these workshops have formed the basis for a series of BJS reports on varying issues relating to data quality and information policy. In addition to DNA and AFIS, reports in this series address ''hot'' files, investigative files, original records of entry and the release of data for non-criminal justice purposes such as employment screening. These reports are available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS).

On a more operational level, the project has also produced reports and training materials detailing specific strategies for improving data quality and three manuals on the auditing of data quality in criminal history record systems. Periodic reports have also been prepared following studies of, for example, the potential liability of law enforcement personnel for erroneous release of identifiable criminal history records and the impact of new identification technologies (such as retinal scans).

On an ongoing basis the program also maintains contact with representatives of the State repositories and other State personnel having responsibility for operation of the State criminal record system. In addition to serving as a continuing resource regarding the status of criminal record systems in the States, the project reviews changes in State legislation impacting on privacy and record management and, on a biannual basis, collects and classifies State legislation in the Compendium of State Privacy Legislation which is issued by BJS. Full texts of statutes are maintained both by the project and at NCJRS.

Major national surveys are also conducted under this project. Surveys have focussed on requirements of State legislation and the nature of State operating practices.

Funds for this project are subject to the availability of Department of Justice appropriations.

Objectives

The major purpose of this award is to support the continuation of activities currently being funded under the ongoing Justice Information program, as described above.

Type of Assistance

Assistance will be made available under a cooperative agreement.

Statutory Authority

The cooperative agreement to be awarded pursuant to this solicitation will be funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics consistent with its mandate under 42 U.S.C. § 3732(c)(22).

Eligibility Requirements

The solicitation is open to non-profit organizations only.

Scope of Work

The objective of the proposed project is to continue activities initiated under the ongoing BJS justice information policy program. Specifically, the recipient of funds will:

1. Identify, on the basis of existing information and contact with the States, two issues relevant to current policies affecting criminal justice records, and prepare reports on these issues. Preparation of such reports should include, as appropriate, analyses of existing State legislation, current technology, and State activity in the area under consideration. If necessary, a workshop of State representatives should be convened to discuss and provide input for the reports. Final decisions on subjects for these reports will be made by BJS.

2. Conduct a fifty state review to identify new and amended legislation impacting on privacy, security and record procedures in each of the states; analyze the results of the legislative search and related state inquiries; and, prepare the 1996 update to the BJS series, Compendium of State Privacy and Security Legislation. The analysis should address issues identified in previous editions of the Compendium and data should be presented in previously developed formats. Full text and legislative analysis tables should be provided in an online fashion to be identified by BJS.

3. Convene a major national conference on the technical legislative policy and operational aspects of issues relating to criminal justice data quality. The conference, to be hosted jointly with BJS, should include high level Federal, State and local policy makers, representatives of the judiciary, criminal justice practitioners, researchers, and, if appropriate, representatives of State or Federal legislative bodies. To provide for the broader review of presentations and relevant materials, the proceedings should be compiled for publication by BJS. Time and location for the meeting will be jointly agreed upon with BJS. Costs under the project should cover staff, materials, presentations and logistics, but not cover costs of attendee participation or travel.

4. Convene and conduct one meeting of a working group to identify and address technical and policy issues relating to long range planning for the design and operation of state criminal history record repositories. The group should include representatives of the State repositories, judiciary, prosecutors, correctional agencies and other data users. The project should develop discussion materials and background information for use by the working group. The applicant will suggest three possible topics for this working group. Selection of persons to serve as part of the working group will be made jointly with BJS. A report describing the activities and recommendations of the working group should be prepared for submission to BJS.

5. Maintain a resource of information regarding State activity, legislation, and CHRI status and provide ad hoc assistance to States and to BJS on these matters. This may include assisting States through referrals to other States, reference to written materials, etc. Also, the recipient of funds will conduct ad hoc activities at the request of BJS involving, for example, the informal rapid turn-around telephone survey of States on a particular current issue or the collation of materials on a new issues associated with CHRI technology or policy.

All products will be submitted on a schedule to be determined jointly with BJS. BJS anticipates that the products

will be spaced throughout the period of the award.

Award Procedures

Proposals should describe in appropriate detail the efforts to be undertaken in furtherance of each of the activities described in the Scope of Work. Information should focus on activities to be undertaken in the initial 12 month period but should also include a general discussion of three year goals and objectives of the program. Information on staffing levels and qualifications should be included for each task and descriptions of experience relevant to the project should be included.

Applications will be competitively reviewed by a BJS selected panel which will make recommendations to the Director of BJS. Final authority to enter into a cooperative agreement is reserved for the Director who may, at his discretion, determine that none of the applications shall be funded.

Applications will be evaluated on the overall extent to which they respond to be goals of the criminal justice information program, demonstrate an understanding and ability to perform the specific activities to be conducted and appear to be fiscally feasible and efficient. In particular, the applicant will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Knowledge and expertise in the current and historical conditions of criminal justice records systems as they exist at both the State and Federal level. Particular emphasis will be given to knowledge and experience relating to current technologies, the status of State and Federal legislation, current and prior operating policies and a historical and current knowledge of the issues which affect the exchange of data between State and Federal systems.

2. Expertise in the identification and analysis of issues and policies which affect the operation of criminal history records systems, the exchange of data among States and the Federal Government, and the release of data for noncriminal justice purposes.

3. Expertise and experience in the analysis of legislation and State regulations relating to criminal history records and the privacy of data maintained in the State criminal history record systems.

4. Contact and experience in dealing with Federal and State representatives on issues relating to criminal history record policies. Particular emphasis will be given to: (a) experience in dealing with relevant personnel in Federal agencies, such as INS, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, on issues relating to the development end improvement of national criminal history record systems and the use of criminal record data for criminal and noncriminal justice purposes; and (b) ongoing organizational and staff connections with representatives of the States (including criminal justice practitioners, policy makers, and record management personnel) sufficient to ensure direct State input to products produced under the project.

5. Demonstrated ability to produce high quality reports and conduct national conferences and workshops on sensitive issues for an audience of professional policy analysts, researchers, criminal justice practitioners, legislators and the general public.

6. Demonstrated fiscal, management and organization capacity (including availability of professional and support staff) suitable for providing sound program management for this multi-faceted effort.

7. Reasonableness of estimated costs for the total project and for individual cost categories.

Application and Awards Process

An original and three (3) copies of a full proposal must be submitted on SF–424 (Revision 1988) including the Certified Assurances. Proposals must be accompanied by OJP Form 4061/6, Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters; and Drug Free Workplace. Applicants must complete the certificate regarding lobbying and, if appropriate, complete and submit Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

Proposals must include both narrative descriptions and a detailed budget. The narrative shall describe activities as discussed in the previous section. The budget shall contain detailed costs of personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies and other expenses. Contractual services or equipment must be procured through competition or the application must contain an applicable sole source justification.

Awards will be made for a period of 12 months with an option for two additional continuation years conditional upon availability of funds and the quality of the initial performance and products. Costs are estimated at not to exceed $425.000 for the initial 12-month period.

Jan M. Chaiken,

Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

[FR Doc. 96–7247 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410–18–P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–31,870]

American Olean Title Company, Incorporated, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and Operating in Various Locations in the States of Alabama et al.; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on February 26, 1996, applicable to all workers of American Olean Title Company, Incorporated, located in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The notice will soon be published in the Federal Register.

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by American Olean Title shows that worker separations have occurred at various operating facilities throughout the United States. Based on company-wide increased imports of title, the Department is amending the certification for workers of the subject firm to include service center workers and production workers at the various locations in the United States. The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by increased imports of title.

Due to a typographical error, the Department is also amending the impact date to February 15, 1996. The Department's notice of Certification incorrectly identified the impact date as February 15, 1995.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–31,870 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of American Olean Title Company, Incorporated, Lansdale, Pennsylvania (TA–W–31,870), and at the various locations cited below, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 15, 1996 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974:

TA–W–31,870A Alabama
TA–W–31,870B Arizona
TA–W–31,870C California
TA–W–31,870D Connecticut
TA–W–31,870E Florida
TA–W–31,870F Georgia
TA–W–31,870G Illinois
TA–W–31,870H Indiana
TA–W–31,870I Kentucky
TA–W–31,870J Louisiana