

The MMS also conducts unannounced audits on 25 percent of all certified training programs each year. These audits emphasize program record maintenance, classroom layout and function, and classroom or hands-on instruction. Finally, MMS tests students at the training site on a random basis to verify that they understand the curriculum.

#### Duties of a Third Party

If adopted, third parties would continue much of what MMS does under the current program. They would also report periodically to MMS on their activities. These reports would include any significant certification or monitoring issues, ideas for improving training programs and techniques, and recommendations for enhancing worker safety and protecting the environment.

Some specifics may include—

- reporting to MMS on the certified training programs and the associated training organizations;
- evaluating and reporting to the MMS the relationships between training program requirements and incidents that occur at offshore facilities (e.g., analyses of offshore operators' "near-miss" and well "kick" data and well blowout prevention equipment); and
- recommending changes to the certification process or MMS training program requirements.

#### Qualifications of a Third Party

The MMS will consider several factors in choosing a third party.

**Certification fee structure.** MMS would not pay third parties to do certification work. Instead, third parties would charge training organizations a service fee. The MMS would determine whether a fee is reasonable and equitable.

**Certifier's credentials.** Third parties should have knowledge of and practical experience with oil and gas drilling, well-completion, well-workover, well-supervising, and/or production activities. They also should be experienced at assessing teaching credentials and curricula. Training programs may include traditional instructor/classroom training as well as other training techniques (e.g., team-based or computer-based).

**Reliability and responsiveness.** Third parties would have to dedicate sufficient staff and resources to handle anticipated workloads; demonstrate that they can process certification requests competently and promptly; and install a system to maintain complete, up-to-date, and accessible records.

**Objectively.** To avoid conflicts of interest, third parties could not consider

certification requests from training organizations in which either the third party or the organization held a financial or business interest in the other. Third parties would honor certification requests from any other training organization. The MMS would expect third parties to develop a process for objectively reviewing training organization appeals.

**Training program assessment capabilities.** Third parties would have to demonstrate they can assess training program performance. While MMS would not insist that third parties use the current monitoring techniques, MMS would expect a comparable program to be in place. Also, third parties would have to emphasize "after-the-school" workforce performance appraisals. In particular, MMS is interested in methods that assess knowledge retention, and how the training is applied in the workplace. Third parties would provide MMS with feedback on worker training improvements.

**MMS oversight.** Third parties would assist MMS in its oversight role by helping investigate complaints about certification determinations and cooperating in MMS audits. The MMS also would expect third parties to grant MMS *ex officio* status on any of its governing boards or executive/management committees. Third parties would consult with the MMS on concerns over whether a proposed program meets MMS requirements. This might be important when third parties have to certify programs that involve new, unusual, or alternative techniques.

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#### National Park Service

##### Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets the schedule for the forthcoming meeting of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

**MEETING DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS:** Monday, July 22, 1996; 2 to 4 p.m., Innerwest Priority Board conference room, 1024 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45407.

**AGENDA:** This business meeting will be open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate members of the public are limited and persons accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The Chairman will permit attendees to address the Commission, but may restrict the length of presentations. An agenda will be available from the Superintendent, Dayton Aviation, 1 week prior to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Gibson, Superintendent, Dayton Aviation, National Park Service, P.O. Box 9280, Wright Brothers Station, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or telephone 513-225-7705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission was established by Public Law 102-419, October 16, 1992.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

##### Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1996 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of grants to hire and/or rehire additional sworn law enforcement officers to engage in community policing. The COPS Universal Hiring Program permits interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces or jurisdictions to establish a policing agency. Eligible applicants include State, local, and Indian policing agencies, jurisdictions seeking to establish a new policing agency and other agencies serving specialized jurisdictions, such as transit, housing, college, school, or natural resources.

**DATES:** COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits will be available in mid-June 1996. There will be three application deadlines for the Universal Hiring Program: July 15, 1996, for Round 1; August 15, 1996, for Round 2; and September 15, 1996, for Round 3. Applications not funded in Rounds 1 and 2 will be carried over to subsequent rounds.

**ADDRESSES:** COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits will be mailed