

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:

*Extension of currently approved collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection:

Certificates for Health Care Workers.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Not-for-profit institutions. The data collected in this process is used by the credentialing organization to determine if the alien is eligible to receive a certificate. The Certificate is then submitted to the INS by an alien in order to obtain an immigration benefit.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 14,000 respondents queries at approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes (1.83) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 25,620 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Request OMB Emergency Approval; Telephone Verification System (TVS) Phase II Pilot Non-Citizen Employees Employment Status Report.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following

information collection request for review and clearance accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 30, 1999.

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

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies 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 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:

*Extension of currently approved collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection:

Telephone Verification System (TVS), Phase II Pilot Non-Citizen Employees Employment Status Report.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number. SAVE Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. This information will be used by the INS to determine the number of non-citizens employees who are authorized for employment in the United States as a result of the Telephone Verification System Phase II Pilot Project. The users of the Telephone Verification System are various employers throughout the United States.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 276,000 queries at approximately 7 minutes per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 32,016 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Corrections

#### Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Corrections Program Office (CPO), announces the availability of funds in FY 1999 for a cooperative agreement to fund the "Washington State/Local Planning for Correctional Population Management" project.

A cooperative agreement is a form of assistance relationship where the National Institute of Corrections is substantially involved during the performance of the award. An award is made to an organization that will, in concert with the Institute, provide technical assistance to the jurisdictions in Washington State involved in the planning effort. No funds are transferred to state or local governments.

The Institute's Prisons Division will provide financial assistance in the form of a cooperative agreement to facilitate the policy development by state and local teams which include key decision makers and administrators like sheriffs, police chiefs, administrators in the Department of Corrections and jails, and well as the legislature. This collaboration with federal, state and local participation will address the effective allocation of resources for managing offenders in prisons, jails and community option programs to increase the availability of secure prison beds for the persistent/violent offender.

## Background

### *Request for Funding and Technical Assistance*

The request for funding and technical assistance was submitted jointly by the Washington State Department of Corrections and the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs. It proposed utilizing collaborative efforts to develop more effective supervision and housing of violent offenders.

This project is being addressed through a partnership between local and state correctional agencies to evaluate the risks and needs of the offenders under correctional control of the State of Washington utilizing validated risk instruments by both jail and prison facilities so that policy decision-makers can be informed of the use of public resources. The proposal includes the development of a data information infrastructure that can integrate both county and state corrections information on offender risks that would result in a statewide profile of offenders, facilities and programs.

This collaborative approach could become a model for other states and jurisdictions. It involves a number of agencies at the federal, state and local levels.

The funding will address:

- Risk assessment in support of managing bed space for violent/persistent offenders;
- Community-based intermediate sanctions for non-violent offenders at the local and state level of government (county and state corrections); and
- Development of an information infrastructure to support these activities.

### *Desired Outcomes*

- Statewide implementation of an objective jail classification system;
- Future housing needs based on risk/risk impact formulas/cost per offender;
- Future correctional option needs based on risk projections;
- Future data network/software needs;
- Fiscal analysis of future legislative requests or legislative proposals with bed impact analysis information; and
- Statewide capacity guidelines.

### *Components of the Project*

- Offender risk/needs assessment
- Capacity/facility/correctional options assessments
- Information system evaluation and recommendations
- Projection of future housing needs and legislative impacts.

## *Related Activities*

In addition to the cooperative agreement, a series of 7 or 8 technical assistance events are being coordinated by NIC in collaboration with the CPO to develop information that is necessary to contribute to the work funded under the cooperative agreement.

**Purpose:** The National Institute of Corrections is seeking applications for a cooperative agreement to do the project management to assist selected subject matter experts and the correctional planning team from the Washington State Department of Corrections, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, and the Washington State Justice Information Network to develop and implement purposeful, informed policies and standards to effectively manage the correctional offender population. The Washington State/Local Planning for Correctional Population Management will be a collaborative effort between NIC and CPO program staff and the cooperative agreement recipient.

**Authority:** Public Law 93-415.

**Funds Available:** The award will be limited to a maximum total of \$200,000 (direct and indirect costs) and project activity must be completed within 18 months of the date of the award.

Funds may only be used for the activities that are linked to the desired outcomes of the project. This project will be a collaborative venture with the NIC Prisons Division.

**Deadline for Receipt of Applications:** Applications must be received at National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534, Attention: Administrative Officer, by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, Friday, April 9, 1999.

**Addresses and Further Information:** Requests for the application kit, which includes further details on the project's objectives should be directed to Judy Evens, Cooperative Agreement Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534 or by calling (800) 995-6423, extension 159 or (202) 307-3106, extension 159. She can also be contacted by E-mail via [jevens@bop.gov](mailto:jevens@bop.gov). All technical and/or programmatic questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Sammie D. Brown at the above address or by calling (800) 995-6423, or (202) 307-3106, extension 126, or by E-mail via [sbrown@bop.gov](mailto:sbrown@bop.gov).

**Eligible Applicants:** An eligible applicant is any private or non-profit organization, institution, or individual.

**Review Considerations:** Applications received under this announcement will

be subjected to an NIC/CPO 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process.

**Number of Awards:** One (1).

**NIC Application Number:** 99P11. This number should appear as a reference line in the cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

**Executive Order 12372:** This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372. Executive Order 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 is included in the application kit, along with further instructions on proposed projects serving more than one State.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16.603.

**Larry Solomon,**

*Acting Director, National Institute of Corrections.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,619]

#### Coastal Management Corporation, Bryan, Texas; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on February 8, 1999, in response to a worker petition dated January 27, 1999, filed on behalf of workers at Coastal Management Corporation (TA-W-35,619).

The petitioning group of workers are covered under an existing Trade Adjustment Assistance certification issued for all workers of Schlumberger Oilfield Services, also known as Dowell Schlumberger and also known as Anadrill Schlumberger operating at various locations in the State of Texas (TA-W-35,463A). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of February 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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