expected that approximately the same number will be awarded during this round of funding. The Department estimates that each applicant will require an average of 60 hours to prepare an application. Winners of the competition will be required to develop a work plan, requiring approximately eight hours, submit quarterly reports needing approximately four hours each (including a final report) and perform recordkeeping to include submission of vouchers for reimbursement, estimated at 12 hours annually. Because these actions are undertaken for each field office in which the applicant won funds, the numbers reflect more than the base number of winners. Approximately 208 workplans will be developed as a result of the FY 2000 competition and each will require quarterly reports and recordkeepiing. The specific numbers are as follows:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent frequency	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Applctns	152	1	152	60	9120
Workplan Devlpmnt	208	1	208	20	4160
Qrtly Reports (incl final report)	208	4	832	6	4992
Rcrdkpng	208	12	2496	2	4992
Total			3688		23264

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

Donna M. Abbenante,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: April 23, 2001, 2:00–5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hotel Camino Real Oaxaca, Calle 5 de Mayo 300 N, Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico.

STATUS: Open session.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the Minutes of the January 30, 2001, Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Review of the Foundation's Grant Portfolio in Mexico
- President's Report
- Congressional Appropriations Update
- Advisory Council
- Country Priority Strategy

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Carolyn Karr, General Counsel, (703) 306–4350.

Dated: April 4, 2001.

Carolyn Karr,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit and Receipt of a Habitat Conservation Plan for the American Bald Eagle, Gaston County, NC

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pinsto, Inc. (Applicant) has made an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended. The proposed ITP would allow take of the American bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), a federally listed threatened species, incidental to residential development. The permit would authorize take of American bald eagles at an existing nest site located on the Applicant's property and would authorize take of American bald eagles associated with any future nests that might occur on the property. Destruction of the nest or the tree in which the nest is located is not requested by the Applicant. Rather, the proposed incidental take will occur as the result of harm and harassment to the eagles resulting from residential construction activities surrounding the nest.

As described in the Applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), impacts will be minimized and mitigated by altering the Applicant's infrastructure plans to come no closer than 150 feet to the nest. The Applicant has established and will file a set of use restrictions with the proposed subdivision plat which are designed to minimize disturbance to the eagles. These restrictions would (1) protect a wooded area immediately surrounding the nest tree and (2) minimize any outdoor construction activities during the nesting season. The HCP is further described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

We have evaluated the application and project area and determined that the HCP is a ''low-effect'' HCP involving minor or negligible effects to the American bald eagle and other environmental resources. As provided by the Department of Interior's Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM6, Appendix 1) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this low-effect HCP qualifies as a categorical exclusion and does not require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). As a categorical exclusion, according to NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1508.4), low-effect HCPs do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

We also announce the availability of the HCP and our determination that a Categorical Exclusion is appropriate for the ITP application. Copies of the HCP and the Service's supporting documentation may be obtained by making a written request to our Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Our final decisions on whether the HCP is a low-effect plan and whether to issue the requested ITP will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public via this Notice on the issuance of the requested ITP. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the