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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this FY 1997 program announcement, proposals are to be directed towards four components of the NSDI. The first component deals with creation of a distributed clearinghouse for finding and accessing geospatial data. Efforts considered applicable include the creation (inventory, evaluate, catalog data, and establish Internet access) and management of a node within the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing geospatial data.

The second component involves development and promulgation of the use of standards in data collection, documentation, transfer, and search and query. Applicable efforts include stimulating the development of applicable geospatial data standards by: (1) creating new standards or adapting existing standards that fall within the realm of NSDI, and which may or may not be within the scope of current FGDC Subcommittees and Working Groups, or (2) conducting studies to determine what standards are needed to effectively share geospatial data; and, creating new data elements for specific data themes that complement the FGDC Digital Geospatial Metadata content standards by supporting documentation of data sets which are not explicitly geospatial.

The third component focuses on the initial implementation of a geospatial data framework that provides a base on which to collect, register, or integrate information accurately. Applicable efforts include creating and managing a node on the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing framework-like data; testing and implementing techniques needed to support framework roles of area integration or data distribution; conducting a feasibility project for implementing technical or institutional aspects of the framework; and, identifying, justifying, and implementing elements of metadata at the "feature" level, required to support framework operations.

The fourth component addresses developing and implementing educational outreach programs to increase awareness and understanding of the vision and concepts of the NSDI. Applicable efforts involve developing

educational or outreach material or programs that explain the use of geographic information systems technology for community development, the benefits of data sharing, the use of networking for data sharing, and the importance of data documentation to targeted audiences within the community; conducting programs to increase user comprehension and adoption of the FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata and the Spatial Data Transfer Standard; establishing, developing, or expanding programs or projects, through development of training programs, information guides and other explanatory materials, that increase the contributions of local, regional, or national data sets to the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse; developing programs to integrate the vision and concepts of the NSDI into formal and informal education at all levels, K through 16; and, activities to strengthen or to help form statewide or regional geographic information coordination mechanisms.

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Wendy Budd,

Associate Chief, Programs and Finances.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearing of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of Cancellation of Open Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Criminal Rules public hearing scheduled to be held in Oakland, California, on December 13, 1996, has been canceled. (Original notice of hearing appeared in the Federal Register of August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44345).)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544, telephone (202) 273-1820.

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John K. Rabiej,

Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.

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Meeting of the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of Alteration of Dates of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The dates of the public meeting of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, scheduled to be held in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8-10, 1997, have been altered to January 9-10, 1997. (Original notice of meeting appeared in the Federal Register of August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44345).)

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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 funding to provide comprehensive and innovative education, training, and technical assistance to COPS grantees and other departments through Regional Community Policing Institutes. Eligible applicants are state, local and Indian tribal law enforcement agencies, state or regional training providers, local or county agency training academies, POST commissions, and universities/colleges. However, this initiative is specifically directed at applicants that already have a solid background in community policing training as well as a basic structure, such as an existing police academy, that can support the development of an Institute.

Partnerships are required for Community Policing Institutes and applicants are encouraged to engage more than one partner. For example, if the applicant is a university, POST Commission, or an academy, it must partner with local law enforcement agencies and a non-profit organization.

If the applicant is a law enforcement agency, it must partner with a university or academy or a POST Commission, and a non-profit community organization. Partnering with other departments is encouraged.

DATES: Regional Community Policing Institute Application Kits will be available after November 19, 1996. The COPS Office will accept completed Application Kits for Regional Community Policing Institutes on or before January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Regional Community Policing Institute Application Kits may be obtained by writing to Regional Community Policing Institutes, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20530, or by calling the Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. Completed Application Kits should be sent to Regional Community Policing Institute Applications, COPS Office, Eleventh Floor, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to provide technical assistance, including the establishment and operation of training centers and facilities, in the implementation of community policing.

Community policing requires a substantial investment in training. Regional Community Policing Institutes can facilitate an infusion of community policing principles into all forms of police training. Regional Community Policing Institutes will be expected to apply the principles of adult learning to all training and professional development activities. Institutes will need to demonstrate how they will differ from traditional training academies, how they will apply critical thinking to complex enforcement, community and organizational problems, and how they will integrate capacity development into the scope of their activities. This initiative will permit organizations to develop a training infrastructure that will help institutionalize and sustain community policing after federal funding has ended.

The COPS Office will fund the expansion of current ongoing community policing training efforts and establish a network of Community Policing Institutes across the United

States. The work of a Regional Community Policing Institute can be performed within an agency's training academy, a state training academy, POST Commission, community college or university.

Partnerships are required for Community Policing Institutes and applicants are encouraged to engage more than one partner. The partnership consists of one or more police departments, an academic institution, and a recognized community or non-profit organization. At least one of the partners will have been engaged in comprehensive community policing training for at least two years.

An Institute is a partnership created to provide comprehensive and innovative education, training, and technical assistance to COPS grantees and other departments throughout a designated region. Generally a region is considered to be state-wide. However, other intra- and inter-state configurations also will be considered. An Institute provides basic community policing training as well as training in a community policing speciality. Speciality training could include executive or management development, ethics training, problem solving, technology-based training, building partnerships, organizational transformation, organizational/community assessment, or implementing community policing. Although an Institute differs from a traditional police academy, it may co-exist with a department's training academy.

An Institute partnership will have one primary grantee and signed collaboration agreements with all partners. The agreements will clarify roles and responsibilities of partners. The primary grantee will be responsible for the financial management of the grant. An Institute will ensure that training reaches as many grantees as possible by including a train-the-trainer component for developing community policing trainers who will be available throughout the region.

An Institute will have a program director and a core staff. It is expected that current training staff will participate in the training. Institute core staff will be housed by one of the partners but the training can occur in different facilities provided either by the partners or hosted by local departments throughout the region.

All awards made under Regional Community Policing Institutes will be cooperative agreements, instead of grants. Cooperative agreements are entered into when the Federal government plans to have substantial

program oversight of the funded agency during the performance of the proposed activity. Funding will be for one year and each award will range up to \$1 million total. The amount of funding is dependent upon jurisdiction/agency size and the nature of the proposed training efforts. Although a local match is not required for this program, applicants are encouraged to contribute cash or in-kind resources to their proposed projects.

Regional Community Policing Institutes have special requirements on funding allocation. Applicants are required to allocate at least 5 percent of the total award budget for research or evaluation efforts. Additionally, applicants are required to allocate at least 5 percent of the total award budget for hosting conferences, and up to 10 percent for travel stipends that will ensure access to training.

Application Kits will be available after November 19, 1996. Completed Application Kits must be received by the COPS Office on or before January 31, 1997.

An award under the Regional Community Policing Institutes will not affect the eligibility of an agency's application for a grant under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that two proposed consent decrees in *United States v. Farmer Oil, et al.*, Civil Action No. 95-CV-3231, were lodged on November 1, 1996, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The consent decrees settle claims against separate defendants brought under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for response costs incurred by the United States at the Daytona Antifreeze site (the "Daytona site") in Marietta, Georgia. Under the proposed consent decrees, defendants Watkins Omega, Inc. ("Watkins") and Enterprise Waste Oil, Inc. ("Enterprise") will pay \$25,000 and \$20,000, respectively, to the United States in reimbursement of response