

comments on or until April 7, 1997. This process is conducted in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and 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 202-514-1590. 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 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: New data collection.
- (2) The title of the form/collection: Church Arson Prevention Final Reporting Form.
- (3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: None. Bureau of Justice Assistance, 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: County units of government. Other: None. This data collection will gather information from

each jurisdiction on general spending operations within the purpose areas of the grant.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 587 respondents at 30 minutes per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 293 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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National Institute of Corrections

Request for Applications

Authority: Public Law 93-415.

Summary: The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY '97 for a cooperative agreement to deliver the project, Intermediate Sanctions for Women Offenders: A Program of Training and Technical Assistance for Selected Local Jurisdictions.

Purpose: The National Institute of Corrections is seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to assist four, high population local jurisdictions in examining their sentencing practices for women offenders and developing a system of correctional options that is more effective and appropriate for women.

A cooperative agreement is an assistance relationship in which the National Institute of Corrections is substantially involved in all aspects of the project during the performance of the award. An award is made to an organization who will, in concert with the Institute, provide technical assistance to selected jurisdictions. No funds are transferred to State or local governments.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the Project are to work collaboratively with jurisdictions to:

1. Develop a sound information base regarding the offense and background characteristics of the jurisdiction's women offenders; current sentencing practices, supervision processes, and programs; and responses to women offenders' needs by community corrections and human service agencies.

2. Use the databases and the experiences of the team members and others to explore the existing community sanctioning options and their outcomes for women offenders and identify gaps in the range of sanctions and services.

3. Develop a sound conceptual plan for creating a range of desired intermediate sanctions that includes both concrete action steps for initiation of the plan within six months and a statement of where the community corrections system should be in 3 to 5 years with its sanctioning policies and services for women offenders.

4. Document the policy and program development process.

Design and Content of the Project

In broad outline, the Project will provide training and technical assistance to support policy and program development, on intermediate sanctions for women offenders, by system-wide actors in four jurisdictions. Applicants may be any adult probation, parole or other community based corrections agency in a local jurisdiction with a population of 200,000 or more.

The focus of the Project's work will be a policy group or team of key criminal justice decision makers, human services administrators, and public and private local corrections managers. The community corrections agency will be expected to take the lead in forming a policy team or working with an existing or modified policy forum. The agencies must be willing to involve these critical decision makers in a process of exploring current sentencing practices for women offenders, and developing consensus on gaps or problems with intermediate sentencing options and appropriate solutions to those problems. The process must be grounded in the use of sound information on sentencing practices and program outcomes.

Project assistance will consist of three national meetings for a leadership team of three members from each jurisdiction, facilitation of the site specific policy team work, the technical assistance tailored to the needs of each jurisdiction. A complete description of the Project can be found on pages 6-7 in the NIC Annual Program Plan, Fiscal Year 1997. To obtain a copy of the Program Plan, please call Judy Evens at 1-800-995-6423, ext. 159.

Project Status

Five jurisdictions responded to the Project announcement by the October 15, 1996, deadline. Applications were received from counties/cities in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio.

The Community Corrections Division has completed both an initial review of the applications and site-visits to some of the jurisdictions in order to obtain a more complete picture of the level of interest, the presenting problems and the commitment of key members of the policy teams. Decisions regarding applicant selection will be made by February 28, 1997.

Cooperative Agreement Scope of Work

Applicants should propose an integrated training and technical assistance approach which will accomplish the following tasks:

1. National Meetings for Site Teams

The awardee will design and conduct three national meetings for three to four person teams from each of the participating sites. The meetings will be 2–3 days in length. The purposes of the meetings are to clarify and develop: the project's conceptual framework and problem-solving activities; information base development and analysis; strategies to effectively manage work groups; approaches to establishing links with community resources; individual site action plans; and other critical issues in sentencing and managing women offenders. The work will include:

a. Planning the meeting agendas, preparing faculty, and conducting the two or three day meetings for up to four team members from each site. NIC will retain final approval of the meeting goals, curricula and faculty selection.

b. Identifying meeting locations, making all logistical arrangements, and paying the per diem, lodging and ground transportation of faculty and participants. The travel expenses (airline or train) for these meetings for three persons from each site and faculty will be paid directly by NIC through individual authorization letters. This arrangement allows the use of lower cost Government fares and the scheduling of meetings on those days of the week which are most convenient for all involved. Sites may send additional team members at their own expense.

2. Site Coordination and Technical Assistance

The awardee will provide the expertise to support the ongoing work of the sites. This will include designating a staff contact/facilitator for each site team who serves as a co-strategist to the leadership team, assesses technical assistance needs and arranges other critical, technical assistance between the national meetings.

Site specific technical assistance may include issues such as: maintaining

productive policy teams; strategic planning and the policy development process; information development; and developing strategies for building public support. Applicants are encouraged to explore the use of video conferencing to augment on-site activities when the technology satisfies project needs and is cost effective. Actual costs have not been determined on the basis of experience. The awardee will work with NIC to determine precise costs; however, the following cost estimates are believed to be representative:

a. Video conferencing can be scheduled and initiated from NIC offices in Washington, D.C., and Longmont, Colorado—in some instances at no cost to the project. There may be a \$130 per hour connection fee if the receiving location is a commercial site. An additional \$55 per hour connection fee may be charged for each location on a multi point call. These costs would be the responsibility of the awardee.

b. Costs at the receiving end—or for calls initiated from other than NIC locations—would be the responsibility of the grantee or participating jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions may have free access to their own video conference equipment.

c. It is estimated that receiving end, commercial rental rates per site can range from \$150 to \$180 per hour for point-to-point conferences; and from \$210–\$240 per hour for multi point conferences. Estimated costs for initiating SPRINT compatible video conferences from commercial locations would need to be determined locally, and that cost would be the responsibility of the awardee.

3. Quarterly Updates with NIC Management and Final Report

NIC and the awardee will hold quarterly update sessions to review progress in the sites and make decisions regarding further site-specific technical assistance. At least one of these sessions will be a face-to-face meeting in the NIC Washington Offices. The others may be audio- or video-conferences. The awardee must also prepare a final report on the Project's activities and achievements.

4. Additional Requirements

In the proposal, applicants must:

a. Identify the principal members of the technical assistance provider team and their specific, relevant expertise.

b. Address how they will perform the project tasks in collaboration with NIC.

Background Materials

The following materials are available on request from the NIC Information

Center, 1860 Industrial Circle, Suite A, Longmont, CO 80501, telephone 800–877–1461.

Intermediate Sanctions for Women

Offenders, March, 1995. Prepared for Oregon Criminal Justice Council and the Department of Correction by the (Oregon) Intermediate Sanctions for Female Offenders Policy Group.

Intermediate Sanctions for Women

Offenders—Working Papers: Recruitment Criteria Checklist, and Program Goals and Project Approach.

Funding Level

Funding for this project has been set at \$127,000 (direct and indirect costs) for the first ten months of a 20 month effort. This amount will support one cooperative agreement award. Subject to satisfactory performance in the first 10-months, the approval of a cooperative agreement proposal for the second ten-month period, and the availability of funds; an award will be made to the successful applicant from this solicitation for the subsequent phase of this twenty-month project. Funding for the second phase is projected at roughly the same level.

The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an applicants application cannot exceed the current indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency. NIC cannot approve charges for indirect costs which have not been negotiated or approved as stated above.

Funds may not be used for construction, or to acquire or build real property.

Application Procedures

Applicants must be prepared in accordance with the instructions in the NIC packet titled *Process for Applying for Cooperative Agreements*. Applicants are advised that the narrative description of their program, not including the budget justification or OMB Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance), attachments and appendices should not exceed forty (40), double-spaced, typed pages in length. Applicants should be received in six copies by the Grants Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, N. W., Room 5007, Washington, D. C. 20534, no later than 4:00 pm, Eastern time, Friday, March 21, 1997. The street address for overnight mail or hand delivery of applications is 500 First Street, N.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20534. If you have any questions regarding the solicitation, please write or call: Phyllis Modley, Community Corrections Division, 800–995–6423, x133.

Addresses and Further Information

Requests for the application kit should be directed to Judy Evens, Grants Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, N. W., Room 5007, Washington, D. C. 20534 or by calling 800-995-6423, ext. 159. All technical and/or programmatic information should be directed to Phyllis Modley at the above address or by calling 800-995-6423, ext. 133.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 97C07. This number should appear as a reference line on your cover letter and also in box 11 of OMB Standard Form 424.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. is: 16.603)

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Morris L. Thigpen,

Director, National Institute of Corrections.

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PAROLE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Public Announcement

Pursuant To The Government In the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting:

Appeal to the Commission involving approximately three cases decided by the National Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 C.F.R. 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole or are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

AGENCY CONTACT: Tom Kowalski, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Michael A. Stover,

General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

Public Announcement

Pursuant To The Government In the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of previous Commission meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.
3. Discussion of Refinement of Item G of the Salient Factor Score.
4. Proposed Continuation of Expedited Revocation Project.
5. Consideration Of a Final Rule for Transfer Treaty Prisoners Who are Released Too Soon After Transfer For the Commission to Conduct a Hearing.
6. Revision of the Commission's Special Procedures For Special Parole Terms to Include Cases in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

AGENCY CONTACT: Tom Kowalski, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Michael A. Stover,

General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 4, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer,

Theresa M. O'Malley ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- * 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;

- * Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * 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.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hearing Conservation Plan.

OMB Number: 1219-0017

(reinstatement without change).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 280.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4.1 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 5,280.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$51,000.

Description: Within 60 days after receiving a citation for noise levels in excess of the permissible standard, coal mine operators are required to submit to the Mine Safety and Health Administration a plan for the administration of a continuing, effective hearing conservation program.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.