

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, including whether the information will have practical utility;

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

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Evaluate whether the data collection instrument will minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

The proposed collection is described below:

(1) *Type of information collection.* New data collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection.* Drug Court Grantee Data Collection Survey.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection.

Form Number: none. Drug Courts Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract.

This survey will assist in the National evaluation of Drug Courts. The data to be collected will assist in determining the effectiveness of these grants and the information will be shared with the drug court field to improve program quality.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 300 respondents to complete a 1-1.5 hour survey semi-annually.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 600 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.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work Grant Program Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation process to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This process helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burdens are minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the revision of the currently-approved preapplication and planning requirements for the Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work (INA WtW) Grant Program (OMB Clearance Number 1205-0383) for the FY 1999 funding period. A copy of the currently-approved information collection request (ICR), especially FY 1998 preapplication and planning guidance, can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before May 26, 1998.

The Department of Labor 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 burden estimate for 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Thomas M. Dowd, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8502 ext 119 (VOICE) or (202) 219-6338 (FAX) (these are not toll-free numbers) or Internet: DOWDT@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor is considering revisions to its currently-approved preapplication and planning system for the Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work Grant Program for one more year (July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999). Current authorization for the INA WtW program expires on September 30, 1999, but grantees can continue to expend funds for three years from the date "the funds are so provided". This ICR concerns the submission of applications and plans by Federally-recognized tribes and Alaska Native entities (or consortia thereof) eligible to receive funding under the Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work (INA WtW) program. These instructions include a preapplication process for those tribes which do not operate a tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program or a Native Employment Works (NEW) program, as established by section 412(a)(3) of the amended Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 612(a)(3)], and which did not qualify for a FY 1998 INA WtW grant under the "substantial services" criteria. These non-TANF or NEW tribes must qualify as INA WtW grantees under the "substantial services" criteria established by the Department in accordance with the provisions of section 412(a)(3)(B)(ii) [42 U.S.C. 612(a)(3)(B)(ii)] of the Social Security Act, as amended. Once determined to have met the "substantial services" criteria, applicants must submit a plan containing a Standard Form (SF) 424, the basic information on service area,

plans for providing client services, preliminary funding and expenditure estimates, and standard assurances and forms common to most Federal funds recipients. This request for comment is an attempt to solicit input from those grantees which participated in the preapplication and/or planning process for FY 1998, and which may have recommendations for improving the process for FY 1999.

II. Current Actions

The proposed ICR will be a revision of Item no. 1205-0383, expiring 03/31/98 for the currently-approved system, that will be used by approximately 80 INA WtW grantees as the preapplication and planning vehicle for applying for INA WtW grants for FY 1999. Grantees will be required to couch their FY 1999 INA WtW plans in terms of planned numbers of enrolled individuals, their characteristics, training and services to be provided, planned outcomes, including job placement and wage data, as well as projections of program expenditures. Current paperwork burdens are covered under OMB Clearance No. 1205-0383 (expiration date 3/31/98), and have been included in the following burden estimates. For ease of analysis, the following burden estimate is broken down into the two main components of INA WtW program application: (1) Preapplication; and (2) planning.

Type of Review: Revision (with changes).

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work Grant Programs.

OMB Number: 1205-0383.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 17.254.

Frequency: Annual (Both preapplication and plan submission).

Affected Public: Federally-recognized tribes, Alaska Native regional non-profit corporations, and/or consortia of any of the above.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Total Responses: 80.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: planning—6 hours; preapplication—3 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 480. (NOTE: no estimate is given for the preapplication process, as only a few tribes or consortia which did not receive FY 1998 INA WtW grants and which are neither TANF nor NEW tribes will have to submit one to establish eligibility.)

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): None (planning and/or preapplication is a once-a-year activity).

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of March, 1998.

Anna W. Goddard,

Director, Office of Special Targeted Programs.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services; Library Service Grant to PREL/FAS

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 221(b)(3)(C) Special Rule of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) states that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Director shall award grants to the Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States (FAS) on a competitive basis and pursuant to recommendations from the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory (PREL) in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Act allows IMLS to compensate PREL for administrative expenses. (PREL has been renamed Pacific Resources for Education and Learning.) This notice provides guidance on administration of FY98 PREL/FAS LSTA grants.

ADDRESSES: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Heiser, Director of State Grants at the address given above, telephone (202) 606-5226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. For projects funded under the LSTA, the Pacific Territories/FAS shall be administered by PREL.

2. The PREL Program Officer will attend training at IMLS on the program and fiscal requirements.

3. PREL, after consultation with the Territories and Freely Associated States, shall submit a plan to the Institute of Museum and Library Services Director describing the administration of the program.

4. Excepting GU and CNMI, grantees will not receive formula grants since they are ineligible under the general funding of the Act. Awards for the competitive grants will be a combination of a basic grant amount based on a formula and a competitive/discretionary process.

5. Formula grants will be based on population (or a percentage of each allotment).

6. The balance of each allotment would be open for discretionary

applications from the appropriate entity (the territorial/FAS library).

7. Activities eligible for assistance are those listed under the LSTA.

8. Funds will be used only for the purposes of the LSTA.

9. A library in a Territory or a Freely Associated State that receives a grant under the LSTA is subject to all laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to this program.

10. To compete for a discretionary grant, a territorial/FAS library shall submit an application to PREL for consideration. The application is to be in accordance with deadlines and other administrative procedures established by PREL.

11. Prior to submission of the application, the territorial/FAS library would coordinate, regarding the development of the application, with appropriate educational agencies, institutions, and organizations that are in the Territory or Freely Associated State and that serve its area.

12. In determining the order of selection for awards under the LSTA, the IMLS Director considers the recommendations of PREL, based on selection criteria established by PREL, which will include an evaluation plan.

13. The IMLS Director may require a grantee to submit reports containing information the Director finds necessary to carry out the Director's functions under the LSTA.

14. At the end of the fiscal year the PREL will collect and abstract the annual reports of the activities supported under LSTA for submission to the IMLS Director.

15. PREL, in consultation with the IMLS Office of Library Services, will include training programs for grantees.

Mamie Bittner,

Director, Public and Legislative Affairs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes (5138) (Panel B).

Date and Time: Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 & 16, 1998, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rm. 630, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.