

D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check made payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$6.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Under CERCLA and the Clean Water Act

Under 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on August 6, 1996, the United States lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana two proposed, related Consent Decrees, the first in *United States v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 465JM (the "CWA Action") and the second in *United States and The State of Indiana v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 464RL (the "NRD Action").

In the CWA Action, the United States asserted claims against USX Corporation ("USX") under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*. In the separate NRD Action, the United States and the State of Indiana asserted natural resource damages ("NRD") claims against USX under the NRD provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*, the Clean Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, and the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.* The claims in both actions relate to USX's Gary Works steel-making facility in Gary, Indiana and are based on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit violations, unpermitted pollutant discharges, and releases of oil and hazardous substances from Gary Works to the East Branch of the Grand Calumet River ("EBGCR").

The proposed CWA Action consent decree, if entered by the Court, will resolve the claims in that action and provide for relief including: (i) sediment remediation through dredging and proper disposal of contaminated sediments currently located in a five-mile stretch of the EBGCR adjacent to and downriver from Gary Works; (ii) the implementation of NPDES compliance

programs to identify and stop the sources of permit violations and unpermitted discharges; and (iii) the payment by USX of \$1.8 million in civil penalties, plus \$1.1 million in stipulated penalties under a prior, 1990 Consent Decree relating to Gary Works.

The proposed NRD Action consent decree, if entered by the Court, will resolve the claims in the NRD action and require USX, in addition to implementing the sediment remediation project described above: (i) to clean up the surface of, and to convey to the United States and the State of Indiana, more than 214 acres, in the aggregate, of undeveloped property, including globally-rare dune and swale habitat, as compensation for lost uses of natural resources; (ii) to restore and protect 32 additional acres as wetlands, as compensation for wetlands that will be lost during dredging; (iii) to pay the United States' and the State's assessment costs (approximately \$570,000); and (iv) to pay \$1 million into an escrow account to pay for post-dredging monitoring of the EBGCR.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 465JM and *United States and The State of Indiana v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 464RL, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-3111A and 90-5-1-1-3111/1.

The Consent Decrees may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, 1001 Main Street, Suite A, Dyer, Indiana 46311; at the Environmental Protection Agency Library, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-624-0892. Copies of the Consent Decrees may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting copies, please enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library, for the 25 cent per page reproduction costs, in the amount of: \$42.25 for the CWA Action Consent

Decree; \$24.50 for the NRD Action Consent Decree; or \$66.75 for both.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 4"

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice's "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 4."

DATES: The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business on December 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard M. Rau, National Institute of Justice, at (202) 307-0648. For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following supplementary information is provided:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide funding to State and local governments to develop or improve the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in State and local forensic laboratories. This program is authorized by the DNA Identification Act of 1994 (the Act) (Public Law 103-322).

This solicitation is for the fourth year of the 5-year grant program authorized by the Act.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 4" (refer to document no. SL000307). For World Wide Web access, connect either to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards

Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment

procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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