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**National Evaluation of the Safe
Schools/Healthy Students Initiative**

AGENCIES: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP); Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program; Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS); Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Departments of Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services are requesting applications for a national evaluation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. The overarching goal of the evaluation is to document the effectiveness of collaborative community efforts to promote safer schools and provide opportunities for children's healthy development. The evaluation will demonstrate how community collaborative efforts develop, function, and facilitate change within community institutions and within individuals. Further, the evaluation must explore each of the six individual components of the collaboration-school safety, alcohol and other drug and violence prevention and intervention programs, school and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services, early childhood psychosocial and emotional development programs, education reform, and safe school

policies. The overarching collaborative questions and each of the six facets must be examined in terms of surveillance, process, and intensive outcome analyses.

DATES: Applications must be received by Wednesday, July 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: An application package containing a copy of the solicitation for the National Evaluation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative with application instructions and forms is available online at the following Web sites: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org; www.ed.gov/fedreg.htm; www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS; www.samhsa.gov; www.mentalhealth.org; and www.usdoj.gov/cops. The application package can also be obtained by calling OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800-638-8736. The address for submitting completed application is provided in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kellie J. Dressler, Program Manager, Research and Program Development Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-514-4817. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act of 1999, October 19, 1998, Pub. L. 105-277.

Background

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Interagency Evaluation Management Team (IEMT) seeks qualified applicants to assist in conducting an evaluation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative. The IEMT comprises representatives of the three Departments participating in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative and will provide oversight for the national evaluation. The successful applicant will conduct cross-site process and outcome evaluations, monitor a core set of indicators (surveillance), and provide evaluation support to grantees for local evaluation activities. Applicants are encouraged to review the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Program Announcement for detailed information about the initiative. (The SS/HS Program Announcement is available at www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org or by calling the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800-638-8736.) The period of performance for the evaluation is anticipated to be September 1999 to September 2004.

The IEMT will competitively award one cooperative agreement under this solicitation. Given the purpose of the

evaluation, the overall evaluation design is intended to carefully document both the process and the outcome aspects of the initiative. The design should encompass the broad issue of formation of community collaborations, the impact of these collaborations on school safety and development of healthy students, economic analyses, and surveillance of core indicators.

Eligibility Requirements

The IEMT invites applications from public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals. Applicants must demonstrate that they have experience in evaluating broad-based community initiatives. Private, for-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fee. Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome, as long as one is designated the primary applicant (for purposes of correspondence, awards, and management) and any others as coapplicants.

Award Period

The project will be funded for up to 5 years in five 1-year budget periods. Applicants should submit a 5-year project plan. Funding after the first budget period depends on performance of the grantee, availability of funds, and other criteria established at the time of award.

Award Amount

Up to \$3 million is available for the initial 1-year budget period.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Shay Bilchik,

Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Joseph E. Brann,

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Dated: May 27, 1999.

Judith Johnson,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

Nelba Chavez,

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Dated: May 25, 1999.

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