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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Advisory Board; Notice of Establishment

This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (1988). Following consultation with the General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is administratively establishing an advisory board to be known as the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement General Advisory Board.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide a forum to discuss a variety of regulatory and reclamation issues of concern to the public, primary States which regulate surface coal mining, Tribes, environmental groups, coal mine region residents, industry, the Congress, and other State and Federal agencies.

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint 20-25 members to the Advisory Board to represent a cross-section of those who are interested in and directly affected by regulatory and reclamation activities. OSM will carefully monitor membership to ensure that there is a balance among those interests affected by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).

Certification

I hereby certify that the administrative establishment of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 27, 1994.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

ACTION: Notice of interim program guidelines with request for comments for the Accelerated Hiring, Education and Deployment (COPS AHEAD) and Funding Accelerated for Smaller (COPS Fast) Programs.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice is publishing, for a 45-day public comment period, interim guidelines to accompany the COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST programs. Both programs are expedited approaches for the award of grants for the hiring or rehiring of career law enforcement officers and are among the programs authorized by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322.

DATES: Interim guidelines effective January 18, 1995; comments must be received on or before March 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 14440, Washington, DC 20044, or delivered to Suite 300, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Comments received may also be inspected at Suite 300 between 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Anthony Sutin, General Counsel, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20531; telephone (202) 514-2058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These interim guidelines have been developed by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in order to provide guidance to applicants and grantees concerning the administration and implementation of the Accelerated Hiring, Education and Deployment ("COPS AHEAD") and Funding Accelerated for Smaller Towns ("COPS FAST") programs. Availability of funds under these programs and application deadlines were announced in the Federal Register on November 3, 1994 (59 FR 55132). The guidelines address the eligibility for the programs, substantive and procedural program requirements, the application process, and other administrative matters. Section 1-4, 7 and 8 of the guidelines

apply to both COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST. Section 5 applies exclusively to applicants and grantees under COPS AHEAD, and Section 6 applies exclusively to applicants and grantees under COPS FAST.

These guidelines have not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to Executive Order 12866. These guidelines will not have a substantial impact on a significant number of small entities, thus a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*

The collection of information requirements relating to the COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST Applications has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3504(h) and have received clearance numbers 1105-0061 and 1103-0015, respectively.

Section 1 Purpose and Substantive Description

1.1 Public safety and community policing grants are authorized by the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3711, *et seq.*, as amended by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 (Title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994) Public Law 103-322 ("the Act").

1.2 The purposes of these grants are to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety. COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST are part of the Department of Justice's efforts to increase the number of sworn law enforcement officers by 100,000 over current levels.

1.3 The Attorney General will delegate powers and responsibilities under this program to the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") upon his or her appointment.

1.3.1 The Director will have final authority, subject to applicable administrative or judicial rights of appeal conferred by statute or regulation, to award, deny, modify, condition, suspend, or terminate grants under this program. The Director will carry out these duties under the general guidance and direction of the Attorney General and the Associate Attorney General.