

and tasks to be performed, describes the administrative and application requirements, and provides the forms needed to prepare an application. One award for up to \$1.8 million will be issued as a cooperative agreement. The duration will be one year, with supplemental awards made annually for up to 5 years, based on the recipients performance, program needs, and the availability of funds. The recipient will be expected to work in close partnership with Corrections Program Office and other Department of Justice personnel to define and address the needs for assistance by State and local jurisdictions.

Dated: September 19, 1996.

Larry Meachum,

*Director, Corrections Program Office.*

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### Copyright Office

[Docket No. 96-7 CARP CD 93-94]

#### Ascertainment of Controversy for 1993 and 1994 Cable Royalty Funds

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for secondary transmission by cable systems in 1993 and 1994 to submit comments as to whether a Phase I or a Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of these funds. The Office also requests comments as to whether it should consolidate the distribution of the 1993 cable royalties with the distribution of the 1994 cable royalties.

**DATES:** Comments are due November 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** If sent by mail, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If hand-delivered, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 407, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Roberts, Senior Attorney, or

Tanya M. Sandros, CARP Specialist, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 707-8366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year, cable systems submit royalties to the U.S. Copyright Office for a statutory license to retransmit broadcast signals to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111. These royalties are, in turn, distributed to the copyright owners by means of an ad hoc Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) administered by the Librarian of Congress and the Copyright Office.

Before commencing a distribution proceeding, the Librarian of Congress must first ascertain whether a controversy exists as to the distribution of the funds. 17 U.S.C. 803(c). Therefore, the Copyright Office is requesting comment on the existence of controversies as to the distribution of 1993 and 1994 cable royalties. Additionally, the Office seeks comment on whether to consolidate the proceedings for distributing the 1993 cable royalties with the proceeding for distributing the 1994 cable royalties.

Finally, the Office requests that those claimants intending to participate in the 1993, 1994, or a consolidated distribution proceeding file a Notice of Intent to Participate, noting whether participation will be for 1993, 1994 or both; and the level of participation for each year, i.e. Phase I, Phase II, or both. Specifically for Phase II, each claimant must state each program category in which he or she has an interest which by the end of the comment period has not yet been satisfied by private agreement.

Participants must advise the Office of any particular controversy, Phase I or Phase II, by the end of the comment period. The Office will not consider controversies which come to its attention after the close of the comment period.

Dated: September 17, 1996.

Marybeth Peters,

*Register of Copyrights.*

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[Docket No. 95-1 CARP DD 92-94]

#### Distribution of DART Royalty Funds for 1992, 1993, and 1994

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of prehearing conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Library of Congress issues this notice to inform the public

that the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) which shall determine the distribution of the 1992, 1993, and 1994 digital audio recording technology (DART) royalties in the Musical Works Funds has scheduled a prehearing conference with the participants to the proceeding. At this meeting, the participants shall consider proposals for paying the panel for their services and establish a schedule for the hearings.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The prehearing conference will be held on Friday, October 4, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the CARP hearing room, Room LM-414, located on the fourth floor of the Library of Congress, James Madison Building, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tanya M. Sandros, CARP Specialist, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Audio Home Recording Act (AHRA) requires manufacturers and importers to pay royalties on digital audio recording devices and media that are distributed in the United States. Each year, interested copyright parties file claims with the Copyright Office during January and February for royalties collected the preceding calendar year under chapter 10 of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Subsequently, these funds are distributed to the claimants in two ways; either the claimants negotiate a settlement for a share of the royalties, or the Librarian of Congress convenes a CARP to determine the distribution of the funds.

On August 8, 1996, the Librarian of Congress initiated the 180-day arbitration period for the distribution of the 1992-1994 DART royalties. 61 FR 39670 (July 30, 1996). The regulations governing the administration of the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels requires that all meetings of the panels be open to the public, and that the schedule for the proceeding shall be published in the Federal Register at least seven calendar days in advance of the first meeting. 37 CFR 251.11(a)(b). This notice announces the time, date, and place of the first meeting. The arbitrators, however, have not set the schedule for the presentation of the parties' cases at this time. Therefore, the Library will publish the original schedule for this proceeding as soon as it becomes available, as required by 37 CFR 251.11(b). Any changes to the original schedule will be announced in open meeting and issued as orders to the parties participating in the proceeding.