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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this FY 1997 program announcement, proposals are to be directed towards four components of the NSDI. The first component deals with creation of a distributed clearinghouse for finding and accessing geospatial data. Efforts considered applicable include the creation (inventory, evaluate, catalog data, and establish Internet access) and management of a node within the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing geospatial data.

The second component involves development and promulgation of the use of standards in data collection, documentation, transfer, and search and query. Applicable efforts include stimulating the development of applicable geospatial data standards by: (1) creating new standards or adapting existing standards that fall within the realm of NSDI, and which may or may not be within the scope of current FGDC Subcommittees and Working Groups, or (2) conducting studies to determine what standards are needed to effectively share geospatial data; and, creating new data elements for specific data themes that complement the FGDC Digital Geospatial Metadata content standards by supporting documentation of data sets which are not explicitly geospatial.

The third component focuses on the initial implementation of a geospatial data framework that provides a base on which to collect, register, or integrate information accurately. Applicable efforts include creating and managing a node on the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse that provides users with a means for finding, accessing, and sharing framework-like data; testing and implementing techniques needed to support framework roles of area integration or data distribution; conducting a feasibility project for implementing technical or institutional aspects of the framework; and, identifying, justifying, and implementing elements of metadata at the ''feature'' level, required to support framework operations.

The fourth component addresses developing and implementing educational outreach programs to increase awareness and understanding of the vision and concepts of the NSDI. Applicable efforts involve developing educational or outreach material or programs that explain the use of geographic information systems technology for community development, the benefits of data sharing, the use of networking for data sharing, and the importance of data documentation to targeted audiences within the community; conducting programs to increase user comprehension and adoption of the FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata and the Spatial Data Transfer Standard; establishing, developing, or expanding programs or projects, through development of training programs, information guides and other explanatory materials, that increase the contributions of local, regional, or national data sets to the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse; developing programs to integrate the vision and concepts of the NSDI into formal and informal education at all levels, K through 16; and, activities to strengthen or to help form statewide or regional geographic information coordination mechanisms.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearing of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of Cancellation of Open Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Criminal Rules public hearing scheduled to be held in Oakland, California, on December 13, 1996, has been canceled. (Original notice of hearing appeared in the Federal Register of August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44345).)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544, telephone (202) 273–1820.

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Meeting of the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of Alteration of Dates of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The dates of the public meeting of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, scheduled to be held in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8–10, 1997, have been altered to January 9–10, 1997. (Original notice of meeting appeared in the Federal Register of August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44345).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1996 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (''COPS'') announces the availability of funding to provide comprehensive and innovative education, training, and technical assistance to COPS grantees and other departments through Regional Community Policing Institutes. Eligible applicants are state, local and Indian tribal law enforcement agencies, state or regional training providers, local or county agency training academies, POST commissions, and universities/colleges. However, this initiative is specifically directed at applicants that already have a solid background in community policing training as well as a basic structure, such as an existing police academy, that can support the development of an Institute.

Partnerships are required for Community Policing Institutes and applicants are encouraged to engage more than one partner. For example, if the applicant is a university, POST Commission, or an academy, it must partner with local law enforcement agencies and a non-profit organization.