DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Corrections

Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY ‘97 for a cooperative agreement to fund a “Criminal Justice System Project: A Program of Training and Technical Assistance for Selected State and Local Jurisdictions.”

PURPOSE: The National Institute of Corrections is seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to help criminal justice policy teams in five state and local jurisdictions develop and implement purposeful, informed policies on the design, use, capacity, and cost of selected components of their system of correctional options for pretrial and sentenced offenders. The Criminal Justice System Project team will be a collaborative effort between NIC program staff and the cooperative agreement recipient.

AUTHORITY: Public Law 93–415.

Funds Available: Funding for the project is limited to a maximum total amount of $305,000 (direct and indirect costs) for one cooperative agreement for the first twelve months of a three-year effort. Based on the availability of funds, funding for the two, subsequent, one-year phases are projected at roughly the same level ($305,000 per year). The approval for the second and third years will be made to the successful applicant from this solicitation—provided the recipient performs satisfactorily in the first 12-month period. Funds may not be used for construction, or to acquire or build real property.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: Applications must be received in NIC’s Washington Offices by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on Friday, January 31, 1997.

Eligible Applicants

An eligible applicant is any private, non-profit organization or institution, or individual.

Review Consideration

Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to an NIC 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process.

Number of Awards

One (1).

NIC Application Number

97DO1. This number should appear as a reference line in your cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

Other Information

Applicants are advised that the narrative description of their program, not including the budget justification or Standard Form 424, attachments and appendices should not exceed forty (40), double-spaced typed pages.

Executive Order 12372

This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. Applicants (other than Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), a list of which is included in the application kit, along with further instructions on proposed projects serving more than one State.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16.603.

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SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY ’97 for a cooperative agreement to fund a “Structured Release and Violation Guidelines for Paroling Authorities” project.

PURPOSE: The National Institute of Corrections is seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to assist selected paroling authorities in establishing consistent, responsible, and objective parole release decision making processes and procedures—and consistent violation response guidelines—at the state level. Examples of types of needs identified during earlier initiatives include data and risk assessment issues; dissatisfaction with current parole release and violation policies and procedures; and lack of written policy regarding release or violation responses. Release and violation concerns require paroling authorities to articulate their goals; and to develop consistent and explicit policies. To address these issues assistance will be provided to approximately five state paroling authorities, with the precise number receiving assistance to be determined by resource allocation as proposed by the awardee. The “Structured Release and Violation Guidelines for Paroling Authorities” project will be a collaborative effort between NIC program staff and the cooperative agreement recipient.

AUTHORITY: Public Law 93–415.

Funds Available: The award will be limited to a maximum total amount of $150,000 (direct and indirect costs) and project activity must be completed within 18 months of award.