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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Justice

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#### National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs,  
National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research."

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals should be mailed to the National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

**DATES:** There are two deadlines for receipt of proposals, June 17, 1997 and December 16, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6771.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, secs. 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

##### Background

The National Institute of Justice is soliciting proposals that respond to the broad mandate of the Institute's solicitation for investigator-initiated research. Applicants may submit proposals to explore topics relevant to State or local criminal justice practice or policy. Some of the current themes of interest to the Institute include: Rethinking justice to meet the challenges of the 21st century; understanding the nexus between crime and social problems; breaking the cycle of offender recidivism and other reoccurring criminal justice problems; developing new technologies, practices, and techniques for use in the criminal justice system; expanding the horizons of criminal justice by looking beyond traditional crime definitions and into new possibilities of study such as

transnational and cybercrimes. These topics represent a broad vision of directions that the Institute intends to pursue in the next few years. Researchers may relate their proposals to these topics or develop projects that fall outside of these themes on the condition that the proposed research falls within NIJ's statutory mission. Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research" (refer to document no. SL000201). The solicitation is available electronically via the NCJRS Bulletin Board, which can be accessed via the Internet. Telnet to ncjrsbbs.ncjrs.org, or gopher to ncjrs.org:71. For World Wide Web access, connect to the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org>. Those without Internet access can dial the NCJRS Bulletin Board via modem: dial 301-738-8895. Set the modem at 9600 baud, 8-N-1.

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**Jeremy Travis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Maryland State Standards; Approval

##### 1. Background

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes procedures under section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Regional Administrator), under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary) (29 CFR 1593.4), will review and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State plan which has been approved in accordance with section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR part 1902. On July 5, 1973, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (38 FR 17834) of the approval of the Maryland State plan and the adoption of subpart O to part 1952 containing the decision.

The Maryland State plan provides for the adoption of all Federal standards as State standards after comments and public hearing. Section 1952.210 of subpart O sets forth the State's schedule

for the adoption of Federal standards. By letters dated (1) August 28, 1995; (2) February 15, 1996; (3) February 23, 1996; (4) February 28, 1996; (5 and 6) August 23, 1996; (7 and 8) January 6, 1997; and (9 and 10) February 13, 1997 from John P. O'Connor, Commissioner of the Maryland Division of Labor and Industry, to Linda R. Anku, Regional Administrator, and incorporated as part of the plan, the State submitted State standards identical to amendments, corrections, and revisions to: (1) 29 CFR 1910.1011 and 1910.1000, pertaining to the Occupational Exposure to Asbestos Standard, as published in the **Federal Register** of February 21, 1995 (60 FR 9624), June 28, 1995 (60 FR 33344), June 29, 1995 (60 FR 33984), July 13, 1995 (60 FR 36043) and September 29, 1995 (60 FR 50411); (2) 29 CFR part 1926, subpart E, and 29 CFR 1926.500, pertaining to the Safety Standards for Fall Protection in the Construction Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of August 2, 1995 (60 FR 39255); (3) 29 CFR 1910.266, Safety Standards for Logging Operations, as published in the **Federal Register** of September 8, 1995 (60 FR 47035); (4) 29 CFR 1910.1025, pertaining to the Occupational Exposure to Lead Standard for General Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of October 11, 1995 (60 FR 52858); (5) 29 CFR 1910, 1926 and 1928, pertaining to Miscellaneous Minor and Technical Amendments to OSHA Standards, as published in the **Federal Register** of March 7, 1996 (61 FR 9230); (6) 29 CFR 1910.272, pertaining to Grain Handling Facilities, as published in the **Federal Register** of March 8, 1996 (61 FR 9583); (7) 29 CFR 1910.133, 1910.135 and 1910.136, pertaining to Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of May 2, 1996 (61 FR 19548) and May 9, 1996 (61 FR 21228); (8) 29 CFR 1910 and 1926, pertaining to Consolidation of Repetitive Provisions: Technical Amendments, as published in the **Federal Register** of July 3, 1996 (61 FR 31429); (9) 29 CFR 1926.1101 and 1910.1001, pertaining to Occupational Exposure to Asbestos, as published in the **Federal Register** of August 23, 1996 (61 FR 43456); and (10) 29 CFR 1926.416 and 1926.417, pertaining to General Industry Standards Applicable to Construction Work, as published in the **Federal Register** of August 12, 1996 (61 FR 41738).

These standards are contained in COMAR 09.12.31. Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Standards were promulgated after public hearings on (1) March 1, 1995; (2)