

are to undertake development activities focusing on spray forming technologies for use in manufacturing aircraft engine components.

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

#### Criminal Justice Information Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review: return a-monthly return of offenses known to police and supplement to return a-monthly offenses known to the police.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until June 13, 1997.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be direct to SSA Paul J. Gans (phone number and address listed below). If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact SSA Paul J. Gans, 304-625-4830, FBI, CJIS, Statistical Unit, PO Box 4142, Clarksburg WV 26302-9921.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of information collection:

Extension of Current Collection

(2) The title of the form/collection: Return A-Monthly Return of Offenses known to the Police and Supplement to Return A-Monthly Offenses known to the Police.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: 4-927A and 4-919. Federal Bureau of Identification, department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract. Primary: State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. This collection is needed to provide data regarding criminal offenses and their respective clearances throughout the United States. Data is tabulated and published in the comprehensive annual "Crime in the United States" and the semi-annual "Uniform Crime Reports".

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 4,900 agencies; 95,255 responses; and with an average completion time of 30 minutes a month or 6 hours annually.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with both collections: 20,580 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

*Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 6-97]

#### Notice of Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

**Date and Time:** Monday, April 21, 1997, 9:00 a.m.

**Subject Matter:** 1. Hearings on the record on objections to Proposed Decisions in the following claims against Albania:

ALB-089 Todi Vangjel Kapbardhi  
ALB-100 Arjan Hasbi Puto, et al.  
ALB-102 Anthimo Suli  
ALB-145 Pullumb Toto  
ALB-181 Vicke Sheh  
ALB-216 Rita Deto Sefla  
ALB-220 Gjergi Gjeli  
ALB-223 Aleko Iskali  
ALB-245 Arzie M. Orhan  
ALB-261 Vangjel Raci, et al.  
ALB-295 Illo Foto  
ALB-296 Meri Tite  
ALB-300 Spiro P. Jones  
ALB-301 Lillian Piazza, et al.  
ALB-308 Anthe F. Gjoni  
ALB-309 Carrie Parno  
ALB-310 Mitat Laze Berdo  
ALB-311 Agim Gani Hamiti  
ALB-312 Pelivan Sako Azizaj  
ALB-313 Sami Zemblaku

**Status:** Open.

Subject matter not disposed of at the scheduled meeting may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6029, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 9, 1997.

**Judith H. Lock,**

*Administrative Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

[OJP(BJA) No. 1110]

RIN No. 1121-ZA57

#### Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice.

**ACTION:** Request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is soliciting grant applications from State governments interested in participating in the national voluntary motor vehicle theft prevention program, Watch Your Car, as authorized under the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act of 1994 (MVTPA).

**DATES:** All applications must be returned with a postmark no later than May 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All proposals must be mailed or sent to: Director; Bureau of

Justice Assistance; Attention: Watch Your Car Program Office; Bureau of Justice Assistance; U.S. Department of Justice; Room 1086D, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance has already mailed program guides and application kits to each State. The State's automobile theft prevention authority is designated as the recipient. For those States without an authority, the state agency that administers the Byrne Formula Grant Program is the recipient. Copies of the fact sheet describing the Program are available by calling the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. The metropolitan Washington, D.C., area number is 202-307-1480. Interested parties with Internet browsers and installed Adobe Acrobat software may download and print a copy of this announcement by accessing BJA's National Auto Theft Prevention Program home page at "http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/html/wyc.htm". Adobe Acrobat software, an on-line fact sheet on the Watch Your Car Program, samples of the decals, the recipient of the program guide and application kit for each State, and other graphical images and statistics pertaining to auto theft are also available at this site.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Authority**

Section 220001 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-322, 108 Stat. 2074, codified at 42 U.S.C. 14171, contains the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act (MVTPA). The MVTPA requires the Attorney General to establish a national voluntary motor vehicle theft prevention program. A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1995. The final rule was subsequently published on August 6, 1996. This announcement is to advise States of the availability of grant funds appropriated under the authority of Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, and to initiate the Watch Your Car Program as authorized under the final rule implementing the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act.

##### **Grant Offering**

BJA will be offering start-up grants for States that have no statewide motor vehicle theft prevention decal program in place, and conversion grants for those States with existing statewide programs that wish to make the transition to the Watch Your Car Program. Start-up

grants will be awarded in an amount up to \$150,000, while conversion grants will be funded up to \$25,000. An eligible applicant for start-up grants is deemed to be either a State that currently has no statewide theft prevention decal program, or a State with an existing program that is available to less than 50 percent of the State's residents. BJA encourages innovative approaches to implementing comprehensive, unique anti-car-theft initiatives and will evaluate applications on the size and scope of the proposed project and how it can work in concert with other theft prevention measures. Other factors for consideration include the amount of public and private resources leveraged in the proposal.

##### **Eligibility for Watch Your Car Funding**

A State may apply on behalf of itself and/or its respective counties and municipalities. The application shall be submitted by the chief executive of the applicant State agency and in accordance with established BJA application guidelines. Any State that received funding under the MVTPA Program during fiscal year 1996 is ineligible for funding during fiscal year 1997.

##### **Background**

The purpose of the Watch Your Car program is to focus the attention of law enforcement on vehicles that are not routinely operated during the early morning hours or near international land borders or ports. The program enables proactive investigation of auto theft before a stolen vehicle report is filed.

Under this program, a motor vehicle owner must sign a consent form and obtain decals authorizing law enforcement officers to stop the motor vehicle if it is being driven under certain specified conditions, and take reasonable steps to determine whether the vehicle is being operated with the owner's consent. There are two conditions. Under the first condition, the owner may consent to have the car stopped if it is operated between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am. Under the second condition, the owner may consent to have the car stopped if it crosses or is about to cross a United States land border or if it enters a port.

States elect to participate in the program solely at their option.

BJA is aware of similar types of theft prevention programs already in existence. The most common program is Combat Auto Theft (CAT), which is used on a statewide basis and by individual local jurisdictions in

Arizona, California, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. Illinois has the Beat Auto Theft (BAT) Program; Texas originated the Help End Auto Theft (HEAT) Program; and Maryland has the Stop Thief Owner Protected (STOP) Program.

Programs such as BAT, CAT, HEAT, and STOP function on a statewide basis to insure a level of uniformity among participating municipalities and counties. These programs have worked successfully in their States of origin since police throughout the State could easily recognize their own decal. But if a thief drove a stolen vehicle across state lines, the police in the adjoining jurisdiction may not recognize the decal or if they did recognize it, lacked the authorization to stop the vehicle and check the identity of the driver. The dissimilarity of statewide programs has been further complicated by the proliferation of local anti-car theft programs in States with no statewide program. Numerous municipalities and counties have adopted a variety of programs utilizing differing emblems, icons, and symbols.

The main advantage of the national Watch Your Car Program is its use of a decal that will eventually become an recognizable icon by police nationwide. It features the capability of intra/interstate enforcement through the checking of vehicles with differing county and/or out-of-state license plates.

BJA's specifications call for the manufacture of tamper-resistant decals made from retro reflective sheeting to make them easily discernible at night. The windshield decal(s) are to be applied on the outside of the glass directly above the inside rear-view mirror. The rear window decal is affixed on the exterior face along the lower left side.

The MVTPA Program compels a thief to remove tamper-resistant decals while alongside the vehicle, acting suspiciously and drawing attention to himself/herself. These impediments, in addition to other theft prevention devices such as steering wheel locks, increase the number of hurdles a thief must overcome and raises the level of theft deterrence.

The MVTPA requires, as a condition of participation, that each State agree to take reasonable steps to ensure that law enforcement officials throughout its jurisdiction are familiar with the program, and with the conditions under which motor vehicles may be stopped.

This program is a Federal program that operates separately from any existing State or local motor vehicle

theft prevention program. It is not intended to preempt existing State or local laws or programs.

### Application Requirements

#### Implementation Grants

##### Problem Statement

States wishing to apply shall provide an assessment of the auto theft problem in their jurisdiction and what efforts have been undertaken to address it. Applicants should contrast the severity of their auto theft problem to other States and discern the patterns and trends of auto theft. States should also identify what steps have been taken to decrease auto theft. For instance, does the State have an automobile theft prevention authority and what types of initiatives does it support to combat auto theft.

##### Goals and Objectives

The applicant must provide goals, objectives, and methods of implementation for the project that are consistent with the program announcement. Objectives should be clear, measurable, attainable, and focused on the methods used to conduct the project. Favorable consideration will be given to those applicants who merge their auto theft enforcement efforts and their prevention initiatives into a coherent strategy and establish goals and objectives based upon the anticipated collective outcome of both approaches.

##### Project Strategy or Design

The project strategy or design should describe the Watch Your Car program the State wishes to implement including its size and scope; outreach efforts to educate the public; statewide training programs to inform municipal, county and state law enforcement officers of the program; a description of the database if the State wishes to maintain a centralized computer registry; the production and dissemination of universal consent forms authorizing traffic stops by any local, State, or Federal law enforcement officer pursuant to the stipulated program condition(s); and efforts to be undertaken to enlist both public and private organizations such as auto dealers, auto insurance companies, and other major retail businesses willing to host registration programs and encourage employee participation.

For those applicants who currently have an existing statewide program that is available to less than 50 percent of the State's residents, document the municipalities and counties where the program is currently available and

demonstrate that the remaining municipalities and counties serve as the domicile for 50 percent or more of the State's total residents.

##### Implementation Plan

Applicant should provide an implementation plan for the program outlined above. It should include a schedule to include milestones for significant tasks in a chart form.

##### Additional Resource Commitments

Applicants are encouraged to leverage other resources—State, local, or private—in support of this project.

##### Project Management Structure

The applicant should describe how the project will be structured, organized, and managed. It should identify and describe the qualifications and experience of the project director and project staff, how they will be selected, and their roles and responsibilities.

##### Organizational Capability

The applicant should describe the organizational experience, both programmatic and financial, that qualifies it to manage the project.

##### Program Evaluation

The program evaluation should indicate how the applicant will assess the success of project implementation and the extent to which the strategy achieved the project's goals and objectives.

##### Conversion Grants

Applicants applying for conversion grants should address the criteria cited in paragraphs: Project Strategy or Design; Implementation Plan; Project Management Structure; and Program Evaluation. Applicants should also submit the latest copy of their annual report in addition to completing the other required forms in the application kit.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

**Nancy E. Gist,**

*Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance.*

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Notice of Availability of 1997 Competitive Grant Funds for Service Area OH-11 in Ohio

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of proposals for the provision of civil legal services for Fairfield, Hocking, Knox, Licking, and Pickaway counties in Ohio.

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**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) is the national organization charged with administering federal funds provided for civil legal services to the poor. Congress has adopted legislation requiring LSC to utilize a system of competitive bidding for the award of grants and contracts for calendar year 1997.

The Corporation hereby announces that it is reopening competition for 1997 competitive grant funds and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to the eligible client population in Fairfield, Hocking, Knox, Licking and Pickaway counties in Ohio. Two grant terms will be funded. The first grant term begins July 1, 1997 and ends December 31, 1997 (six months). The tentative grant amount for the first grant term is \$141,890. The second grant term is for calendar year 1998 (twelve months). The exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds and the date and terms of their availability for calendar year 1998 are not known, although it is anticipated that the funding amount will be similar to calendar year 1997 funding, which was \$283,784.

**DATES:** Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available after April 7, 1997. A Notice of Intent to Compete is due by May 9, 1997. Grant proposals must be received at LSC offices by 5:00 p.m. EDT, May 20, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, 750 First Street N.E., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Thomas, Administrative Assistant, Office of Program Operations, (202) 336-8865.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** LSC is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients, and from private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms, State or local governments, and substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The solicitation package, containing the grant application, guidelines, proposal content requirements and specific selection criteria, is available by contacting the Corporation by letter, phone or FAX. LSC will not FAX the solicitation package to interested parties; however, solicitation packages may be requested by FAX. The