

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The application is sent to U.S. companies requesting information concerning OPIC's finance program. The information provided by these companies is reviewed by OPIC finance officers to determine the soundness of the proposed project and the applicants' qualification for receiving OPIC financial assistance.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

Time and Date: June 17, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Place: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered:

1. Agenda for future meeting: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. 731-TA-749 (Final)

(Persulfates from China) — briefing and vote.

5. Outstanding action jackets: None.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Metropolitan Firefighter and Emergency Services National Training Program for First Responders to Terrorist Incidents

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 and local agencies for firefighting and emergency services training programs. This solicitation is to announce a competitive grant program to fund three or four demonstration sites and encourages State and local agencies that have innovative first responder training programs to conduct firefighting and emergency services responding to terrorist incidents to apply. To apply for funding, applicants must demonstrate: (1) that its firefighting and emergency services operations are innovative; (2) that they can be easily replicated in other metropolitan jurisdictions; (3) and that their firefighting and emergency services operations are relevant for first responders to terrorist incidents in urban jurisdictions. This grant program is authorized by Title VIII, Subtitle B, Section 819, of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. This announcement is to advise interested State and local agencies of the availability of funding for a demonstration project, pursuant to Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997.

DATES: Applications for funding must be received by the Bureau of Justice Assistance not later than the close of business, August 7, 1997.

ADDRESS: Applications must be mailed to: Control Desk, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 633 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D.C., N.W., 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. You may also read an online fact sheet regarding this initiative, or download and print a copy of this announcement by accessing BJA's homepage at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov.BJA/> and clicking on What's New.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicants should present their firefighting and emergency services first responder programs as a model program that demonstrates a significant capacity to enhance urban jurisdictions' abilities to train first responders to respond to incidents of terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction (e.g., chemical, biological, and nuclear incendiary and explosive devices). Eligible applicants must have an existing firefighting and emergency services capability that they believe could serve as a model for first responders in urban jurisdictions. Selection as a demonstration site will be based upon the applicant's innovativeness in its approach to first responder operations and the program's replication potential in other

jurisdictions. Most importantly, applicants must demonstrate a capability to effectively respond to the demands placed upon first responders in the crisis management phase of a terrorist incident.

Grant Offering: BJA will provide funding for three or four demonstration sites to document and test the effectiveness of first responder training programs.

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility for funding under this announcement is limited to State and local agencies that have an existing first responder training capacity or provide direct services and support on a continuing basis for urban fire fighting and emergency medical services operations.

Application Procedures

A. Description of First Response Capabilities

Applicants applying for demonstration grant funding shall describe the first responder resources in their jurisdiction. Descriptions should comprehensively portray the status of firefighting and emergency medical services as they exist within the metropolitan jurisdiction and address the extent to which first responders have received training in the systems and/or methods they will use to deal with weapons of mass destruction. Descriptions shall also include: the names and designations of organizations and political subdivisions comprising the metropolitan jurisdiction (e.g., towns, townships, cities, and counties); the names of emergency medical services organizations, such as hospitals, clinics, regional medical centers/trauma centers; firefighting companies; private ambulance and emergency response services; State and local law enforcement agencies; civil defense organizations; medical ground and air evacuation units/organizations; search and rescue teams; and components of the National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve designated to respond in emergency situations.

B. Description of First Responder Operational Procedures

The applicant shall provide information pertaining to its first responder operations that clearly describe organizational tasks and responsibilities as they relate to specific issues concerning crisis and consequence management (e.g., designated on site commanders (OSC), incident command structure (ICS), hazardous materials reconnaissance and collection teams, decontamination teams, firefighters, explosive ordnance