

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

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

**Background**

The National Institute of Justice is seeking applicants to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, especially data from previous NIJ-funded projects. The Institute is particularly interested in proposals addressing these issues: sentencing, drugs and the criminal justice system, violence, and policing. Special consideration will be given to proposals providing direct applications to criminal justice policy or practice or suggesting innovative applications of emerging statistical techniques and analytic methodologies.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Data Resources Program Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data" (refer to document no. SL 000232). 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.

Dated:

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****National Institute of Justice**

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**National Institute of Justice  
Solicitation for Effectiveness of  
Victims of Crime Act Funding in  
Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims**

**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 "Effectiveness of Victims of Crime Act Funding in Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims."

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business August 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Effectiveness of Victims of Crime Act Funding in Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims" (refer to document no. SL000231). For general information about application procedures for solicitations or for copies of the solicitations, application guidelines and forms, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770. 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/fedgrant.htm>. 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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**Background**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), with the support of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is undertaking a multi year evaluation effort to assess the effectiveness of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded compensation and assistance programs in meeting the needs of crime victims. The overall program will yield: (a) A needs assessment from the victim's point of view; (b) an assessment of the services available to victims from VOCA and other federally-funded victim programs of financial compensation and assistance, as well as other local and private victim services; (c) identification of unmet needs such as gaps in service or access to compensation; and (d) suggestions for improving the delivery of and payment for services to all crime victims. The products from this effort will provide an evaluation of VOCA compensation and assistance programs, along with guidelines for increasing their utility and effectiveness in meeting the needs of crime victims.

This solicitation is the first phase in the effort; it will fund innovative and creative pilot tests of recommended approaches to be followed in a subsequent separately-funded national effort to identify crime victims and their needs, the sources of aid they sought and received to meet these needs, the adequacy of this aid in meeting those needs, and the impact of VOCA in meeting those needs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration**

**Governor's Coordination and Special  
Services Plan (GCSSP); Comment  
Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement collection of the Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan (GCSSP).

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 22, 1997.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including