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Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.46 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 8, 1998.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Civil Rights Division

Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval of a Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, has submitted the following information collection request utilizing emergency review procedures, to OMB for review and clearance in accordance with sections 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Civil Rights Division has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part of the Act because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

Therefore, OMB emergency approval has been requested by January 27, 1998. If granted the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval *must* be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer (Ms. Victoria Wassmer), Washington, DC, 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted to OMB via facsimile at 202-395-7285.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to: Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, Attention: David H. Hunter, (202) 307-2898, P.O. Box 66128, Washington, DC 20035. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 16, 1998. 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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used;
3. enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. evaluate whether the data collection instrument will minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

Overview of this information collection.

1. Type of Information Collection. Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

2. Title of the Form/Collection: Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: None. Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State, Local, and Tribal Government. Other: None. Jurisdictions specifically covered under the Voting Rights Act are required to obtain preclearance from the Attorney General before instituting changes affecting voting. They must convince the Attorney General that voting changes are not racially discriminatory. The procedures facilitate the provision

of information that will enable the Attorney General to make the required determination.

5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 10,103 respondents with the average response at 10.021 hours.

6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 47,365 annual burden hours.

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

Dated: January 12, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Management Division; Agency Information Collection Activities; Existing Collection: Common Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Extension of Previously Approved Collection, Department of Justice Procurement Blanket Clearance.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 1997, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the management and Planning Staff.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 17, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with a 5 CFR 3120.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Attention: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile on 202-395-7285.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of

information 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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, 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 may also be submitted to the Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile on 202-514-1590.

Overview of This Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of Current Collection.

(2) *The title of this form/collection:* Department of Justice Procurement Blanket Clearance.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Procurement Solicitation Documents, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract.* Primary: Commercial organizations and individuals who voluntarily submit offers and bids to compete for contract awards to provide supplies and services required by the Government. All work statements and pricing data are required to evaluate the contractors bid or proposal.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time for an average respondent to respond:* 7,462 respondents, 20 hours average response time.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with this collection:* 149,240 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, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

[OJP (NIJ)-1147]

National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships

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 "Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships, 1998."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business March 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

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

Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is calling for proposals to implement Locally Initiated Research Projects (LIRP) in Public and Indian Housing Authorities. These projects will assist housing authorities in the evaluation of efforts to control and prevent drug and drug-related crime problems such as those supported by the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP). Eight to 12 awards for a total expenditure of up to \$975,000 will be awarded to proposals that include the following areas of research:

Each LIRP must have as its purpose one of two organizing principles: to evaluate the effectiveness of an on-going program; or to identify problems within a Housing Authority (HA) development, implement a program to solve those problems, and evaluate the solutions effectiveness.

Each LIRP must include, as a minimum, officials and residents of an HA, and a researcher. The roles of each of these partners must be equivalent in terms of decisionmaking. Each proposal must also outline how these partnerships will be continued once Federal funding has concluded.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Building Safer Public Housing Communities Through Locally Initiated Research Partnerships, 1998" (refer to document No. SL000243). For World Wide Web access, connect either to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

[OJP(NIJ)-1148]

National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Evaluation of Victims of Crime Act State Compensation and Assistance Programs, 1998

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 "Evaluation of Victims of Crime Act State Compensation and Assistance Programs, 1998."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.