

and/or Scientific Purposes pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952.

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 357, if any, and the applicable component of the *Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit.

Title 21, Section 1312.11 of the Code of Federal Regulations promulgated under the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act, 21 U.S.C. 951, et seq., requires that any registrant who desires to import into the United States any Schedule I or II controlled substance, any Schedule III, IV or V narcotic controlled substance, or any specifically designated Schedule III non-narcotic controlled substance must have an import permit. In order to obtain the permit, an application for permit must be made to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on DEA Form 357.

5. An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 237 respondents at 1 response per year at 15 minutes per response.

6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 59.25 annual burden hours.

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.

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Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 1998 National Study of DNA Laboratories

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; New collection.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 18, 1998. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and effected 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.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Greg Steadman, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20531, or via facsimile (202) 307-5846.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of information collection: New collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection: 1998 National Study of DNA Laboratories.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: Form number CLAB-1. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State, Local or Tribal Government Other: None.

This information collection is a census of public crime laboratories that perform DNA analysis. The information will provide statistics on laboratories' capacity to analyze DNA evidence, the number and sources of DNA evidence received per year, the number, types, and costs of analyses completed. It will also identify the capacities of states to participate in a national DNA database.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time

estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: 160 respondents each taking an average 0.75 hours to respond.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 120 annual burden hours.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research 1998

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

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

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business June 16, 1998 and December 15, 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.

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 accepting research and development proposals through its 1998 Investigator-Initiated Solicitation. The most flexible