

(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.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of previously approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Nomination for Young American Medal for Service

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is 1673/2, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary. Federal Government State, Local or Tribal.

Other. Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

42 U.S.C. 1921 et seq. Authorizes the Department of Justice to collect information from state governors, chief executives of the U.S. Territories, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia to implement the Young American Medals Program.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that 20 respondents will complete a 3-hour nomination form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total hour burden to complete the nominations is 60 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy 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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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for "Evaluating Task Forces, Toll Free Information Service Lines, and Drug Testing Programs: BJA/NIJ Evaluation Partnership for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program 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 solicitation "Evaluating Task Forces, Toll Free Information Service Lines, and Drug Testing Programs: BJA/NIJ Evaluation Partnership for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program 1998."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business October 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 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

This solicitation is part of the BJA/NIJ Evaluation Partnership for 1998 and seeks applications for evaluation of three activities funded under the Byrne Program: (1) multi-jurisdictional task forces (MJTFs), (2) toll-free information service lines, and (3) community-based drug testing programs.

1. MJTFs—The purposes of this research are: to develop methodologies that can be used by State planning agencies and others to evaluate Byrne funded MJTFs, and to implement these methodologies by conducting impact evaluations of selected MJTFs. Applications should describe the project in full with the understanding that one half, up to \$462,100, of the project will

be funded for the first 18 months with the remainder funded by a subsequent grant of up to \$500,000. Applicants should clearly identify a reasonable demarcation line for the two parts of the project.

2. Toll-Free Information Service Lines—The purpose of the evaluation of the toll-free information service lines evaluation research is to provide additional information on the demographics of the callers; the usefulness of the call; and, most importantly, what action callers took as a result of the information provided. One award will be made of up to \$312,100.

3. Community-Based Drug Testing Programs—This research should evaluate the development and implementation of innovative and comprehensive drug testing programs in criminal justice agencies, excluding those that operate solely within prisons or drug courts. Programs evaluated must be at least partially funded under the Byrne Program. Drug Court programs are not eligible. Up to six awards will be made for a total of up to \$637,600.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Evaluating Task Forces, Toll-Free Information Service Lines, and Drug Testing Programs: BJA/NIJ Evaluation Partnership for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program 1998" (refer to document no. SL000289). 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>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; 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