

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:

*Extension of currently approved collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection:

Certificates for Health Care Workers.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Not-for-profit institutions. The data collected in this process is used by the credentialing organization to determine if the alien is eligible to receive a certificate. The Certificate is then submitted to the INS by an alien in order to obtain an immigration benefit.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 14,000 respondents queries at approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes (1.83) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 25,620 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

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Request OMB Emergency Approval; Telephone Verification System (TVS) Phase II Pilot Non-Citizen Employees Employment Status Report.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following

information collection request for review and clearance accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 30, 1999.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed 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 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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection:

*Extension of currently approved collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection:

Telephone Verification System (TVS), Phase II Pilot Non-Citizen Employees Employment Status Report.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number. SAVE Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. This information will be used by the INS to determine the number of non-citizens employees who are authorized for employment in the United States as a result of the Telephone Verification System Phase II Pilot Project. The users of the Telephone Verification System are various employers throughout the United States.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 276,000 queries at approximately 7 minutes per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 32,016 annual burden hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Corrections

#### Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Corrections Program Office (CPO), announces the availability of funds in FY 1999 for a cooperative agreement to fund the "Washington State/Local Planning for Correctional Population Management" project.

A cooperative agreement is a form of assistance relationship where the National Institute of Corrections is substantially involved during the performance of the award. An award is made to an organization that will, in concert with the Institute, provide technical assistance to the jurisdictions in Washington State involved in the planning effort. No funds are transferred to state or local governments.

The Institute's Prisons Division will provide financial assistance in the form of a cooperative agreement to facilitate the policy development by state and local teams which include key decision makers and administrators like sheriffs, police chiefs, administrators in the Department of Corrections and jails, and well as the legislature. This collaboration with federal, state and local participation will address the effective allocation of resources for managing offenders in prisons, jails and community option programs to increase the availability of secure prison beds for the persistent/violent offender.