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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: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Registration for Classification as Refugee.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in 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 August 2, 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 a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Registration for Classification as Refugee.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-590. Office of International Affairs, 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 collection provides a uniform method for applicants to apply for refugee status and contains the information needed in order to adjudicate such applications.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 140,000 responses at 35 (.583) Minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 81,620 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

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: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice of Information collection under Review: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A final rule containing this information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 1999 at 64 FR 7990. No comments were received by the INS on this proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 2, 1999. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

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: Stuart Shapiro, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-7316.

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 agency's 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:* Revision of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-648. Adjudications Division, 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. These medical certifications will be used to support an applicant's claim to an exception of the literacy and history/government knowledge requirements found in section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. These certifications which are executed by licensed health care providers, are needed to support the applicant's claim of an exception to this naturalization requirement.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20,000 responses at two (2) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 40,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Office of Job Training Programs; Workforce Investment Act; Title I, National Programs: Youth Opportunity Grants

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, announces the competitive grants to be awarded under the Youth Opportunity initiative. Part I of this announcement provides the legislative authority and provides background information on this initiative; Part II provides instructions on the application submission process; Part III describes the Youth Opportunity Grant initiative; Part IV describes how to apply for urban and rural grants; and Part V describes how to apply for Native American grants. This announcement includes all of the information and forms needed to apply for Youth Opportunity Grants.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30, 1999, by 4 p.m. eastern standard time. No exceptions to the mailing and hand-delivery conditions set forth in Part II of this notice will be granted. Applications that do not meet the conditions set forth in this notice will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Yvonne Harrell, Reference: SGA/DFA 99-015; 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4203; Washington, DC 20210. Your application should specify on the cover whether you are applying for an urban, rural, or Native American grant. Areas that are not EZ/ECs are urban if they are located in metropolitan areas as defined by the Census.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fax questions to Yvonne Harrell, Division of Federal Assistance at (202) 219-8739. This is not a toll-free number. All

inquiries sent via fax should include the SGA number (DFA 99-015) and a contact name and phone number. This announcement is also being published on the Internet on the Employment and Training Administration's Home Page at <http://doleta.gov>. Commonly asked questions and answers regarding these grants will also be published on the ETA Home Page. Award notifications will also be published on the Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I. Authority

Section 169 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Regulations applicable to this Act are at 20 CFR parts 660 through 671, published at 64 F.R. 18662 (April 15, 1999). Regulations specifically applicable to Youth Opportunity Grants are at 20 CFR part 664, subpart H (§§ 664.800-664.830).

Background

The Nation's overall unemployment rate is near its lowest level in almost 30 years, but there continue to be serious economic inequalities and pockets of poverty in this country. Youth living in inner-city and rural areas with poverty rates of 30 percent or higher face considerable barriers to succeeding in life. The employment rate for out-of-school youth in high-poverty areas typically is less than 50 percent. In our country's largest urban school districts, less than 50 percent of each year's entering 9th grade class graduates four years later. Many of these out-of-school youth are at risk of becoming permanently lost to the legitimate economy. The labor market is simply not working for these youth.

The Youth Opportunity Grants authorized under Section 169 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 significantly increase resources available for serving youth growing up in high-poverty urban and rural areas. The Department of Labor (DOL) envisions that these new resources will be used as a complement to the Job Corps, School-to-Work, formula-funded WIA programs, Department of Education programs, and other programs funded at the Federal, State, and local level to help youth make the transition to adulthood. We expect through these grants to develop high-quality programs that help individual youth find better jobs and increase their educational attainment. In addition to these positive outcomes for individual youth, we also expect to achieve community-wide impacts in increasing youth employment rates and educational attainment.