

Once finally cleared by OMB and GSA and printed by the Government Printing Office, the paper original of the new 1999 edition of the SF 278 report form will be stocked and available for purchase by departments and agencies nationwide from the GSA Federal Supply Service Customer Service Centers.

In addition, OGE already has placed on its Internet Web site (Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address: <http://www.usoge.gov>) a viewable and downloadable Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the current 6/94 edition of the SF 278 and is also working on a fillable version of the 6/94 edition. A fillable version of the SF 278 is available from GSA's Web site electronic library of standard and optional forms (URL address: <http://www.gsa.gov/forms/>). Moreover, OGE will develop both PDF and fillable versions of the new 1999 edition of the SF 278 once it is finally cleared and issued later this year. Those electronic versions of the SF 278 form have been and will continue to be made available free-of-charge to executive branch departments and agencies and their employees. In addition, the forthcoming 1999 edition of the form will be included in future editions of The Ethics CD-ROM. Departments and agencies can also electronically duplicate the SF 278 without standard form exception clearance, provided that the duplication precisely parallels the original paper form to the extent technically feasible, producing a "mirror image" print-out thereof.

Furthermore, OGE is considering the paperwork and technical issues relating to development of so-called "smart" electronic forms, including the SF 278, which employ a question and answer format to elicit information on reportable interests and funnel the responses onto the various schedules of the report forms. Various agencies including OGE are interested in this area, and OGE is reviewing the executive branchwide aspects of these initiatives.

For now, OGE notes that even with all of these electronic initiatives, the SF 278 reports, once completed by individual filers, will still need to be printed out and signed manually. Electronic filing is not authorized at the present time for SF 278 reports. However, OGE is monitoring developments under the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and the draft OMB guidelines, under which appropriate electronic availability and filing of various Government forms will generally be phased in by 2003.

Public comment is invited on each aspect of the proposed moderately revised SF 278 Public Financial Disclosure Report as set forth in this notice, including specifically views on the need for and practical utility of this collection of information, the accuracy of OGE's burden estimate, the potential for enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology).

Any comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, OGE's request for extension of OMB paperwork approval for this information collection. Comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement 13655.892]

Fiscal Year 1999 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging (AoA), HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and opportunity to apply under the Older Americans Act (Act), title VI, Grants for Native Americans, part B—Native Hawaiian Program.

SUMMARY: The AoA will accept applications for funding in fiscal year 1999 under the Act, title VI, Grants for Native Americans, part B—Native Hawaiian Program. The deadline date for the submission of applications is September 10, 1999. Public and/or nonprofit private organizations having the capacity to provide services for Native Hawaiians are eligible for assistance under title VI, part B, if the organization will serve at least 50 Native Hawaiian individuals who have attained 60 years of age or older, and the organization demonstrates the ability to deliver supportive services and nutrition services. For the purposes of title VI, part B, the term "Native Hawaiian" means an individual any of whose ancestors were natives of the area which consists of the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and

Human Services, Administration on Aging, M. Yvonne Jackson, Director, Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 4743, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: (202) 619-2713.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-99-2]

Fiscal Year 1999 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to establish, or expand and improve, Statewide Senior Legal Hotlines whose purpose is to advance the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for four (4) to five (5) projects that establish, or expand and improve, Statewide Senior Legal Hotlines aimed at advancing the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is August 26, 1999. Eligibility for grant awards is limited to public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions experienced in providing legal assistance to older persons.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Program Development, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 4264, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling 202/619-2987.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

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