

collection: 376,292 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.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB emergency approval; Liberian Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) Supplement to Form I-765.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. INS is requesting emergency review from OMB of this information collection to ensure compliance with Presidential Directive dated September 27, 1999 to defer for one year the deportation of

certain Liberians present in the United States as of September 29, 1999. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by September 29, 1999.

If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. ALL comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stuart Shapiro, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 3, 1999. During the 60-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. 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. 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:* Reinstatement with change of previously approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Liberian Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) Supplement to Form I-765.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-765D, Office of Examinations, 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. The data collected on this form is used by the INS to determine eligibility for the requested benefit, pursuant to the requirements of the Presidential Order. The data will enable adjudication officers to adjudicate the underlying benefit without the need of requiring individual interviews in local INS offices on the majority of applications

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 15,000 responses at 60 minutes (1 hour) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 15,000 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.

Dated: September 28, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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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 Office of Research and Evaluation 2000 Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research

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 Office of Research and Evaluation 2000 Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research.

DATES: Proposals must be received by close of business Tuesday, January 18, 2000.

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, Sections 201-203, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

In this solicitation, NIJ invites applicants to submit proposals that will help the Institute address five general themes related to the NIJ mission. This solicitation specifically requests proposals in topical areas that are not covered by other NIJ solicitations. Wherever possible, applicants interested in conducting research on such topics as violence against women or science and technology development should apply to directed solicitations targeting these particular areas of research.

Under this investigator-initiated program, applicants may submit proposals to explore a wide range of research and evaluation topics relevant to criminal justice policy or practice, supporting NIJ's broad portfolio of both basic and applied studies. While the Institute's specific research and development interests are constantly evolving in response to the needs of the field, the following five broad criminal justice areas are current NIJ priorities: rethinking justice and the processes that create just communities; understanding the nexus between crime and its social context; breaking the cycle of crime by testing research-based interventions; creating the tools, evaluating new and transferable techniques and procedures for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system; and expanding the horizons, moving beyond traditional definitions of crime and criminal relationships.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Office of Research and Evaluation 2000 Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research" (refer to

document no. SL000385). For World Wide Web access, connect 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>.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-38; Exemption Application No. D-10621, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; MICO, Inc. (MICO), et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue

exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

MICO, Inc. (MICO) Located in North Mankato, Minnesota

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 99-38; Exemption Application Number D-10621]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the sale (the Sale) of a certain parcel of unimproved real property (the Property) from the MICO, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) to MICO, a party in interest and disqualified person with respect to the Plan, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) The terms and conditions of the Sale are at least as favorable to the Plan as those obtainable in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated party;

(b) MICO purchases the Property for \$362,000, which represents the Property's current fair market value as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser;

(c) MICO additionally pays to the Plan a premium of \$36,200, as determined by a qualified, independent appraiser, due to MICO's ownership of improved real property which is located adjacent to the Property;

(d) The Sale is a one-time transaction for cash; and

(e) The Plan pays no fees or commissions in connection with the Sale.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on May 27, 1999 at 64 FR 28835.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Motta of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881 (This is not a toll-free number).