

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:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Study of Employment Eligibility.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form Number (File No. OMB-21). Office of Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Businesses or other for-profit. The surveys will be used to collect data that will be analyzed to determine the effectiveness of the pilots to deter the hiring of aliens who are not legally authorized to work.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 3,327 respondents with 7,158 responses.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 5,323 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: November 22, 1999.

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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 The W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program

**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 "W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program."

**DATES:** Proposals must be received by close of business Tuesday, February 1, 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

Through the W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program, NIJ seeks to advance the field of knowledge with respect to the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. NIJ supports the investigation, analysis, and development of innovative approaches that enhance justice and advance public policy decision making on issues relating to crime, violence, and the administration of justice. Recognizing the dynamic influence of community factors on the aforementioned issues, NIJ has included in its research portfolio a body of work that explores diverse cultural perspectives in order to address criminal justice research questions. DuBois Fellows will be asked to focus on these questions in a manner that is policy relevant and reflective of their saliency as an integral part of the American past, present, and future.

The DuBois Fellowship provides talented researchers with the opportunity to elevate independently-generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion.

To be eligible to receive an award under the DuBois Fellowship program, an applicant must hold a Ph.D. or other doctoral-level degree or a legal degree of J.D. or higher. NIJ will fund successful applicants for an amount of up to \$100,000 (subject to available appropriations) for a period to last from 6 to 12 months. The period in residency and starting date at NIJ are negotiable. It is anticipated that up to two awards of approximately \$50,000 each will be made annually. Funding allocations for this program are based on the quality of the proposals received and the extent to which they are related to ongoing research, evaluation, or science and technology priorities.

Interested individuals should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "The W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program." (refer to document no. SL000391). 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>.

**Jeremy Travis,**

*Director, National Institute of Justice.*

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