

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**National Institute of Justice**

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice solicitation "Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts."**DATES:** Proposals must be received by close of business April 28, 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 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice, in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs' Drug Courts Program Office (DCPO), is soliciting proposals in two research areas: a national evaluation of six juvenile drug courts and general research and evaluation in either juvenile or adult drug courts.

There are two goals for national evaluation of six juvenile drug courts: To develop a framework for describing juvenile drug courts, and to assess the success of juvenile drug courts in relation to the framework developed. The six juvenile drug courts are located in Orlando, FL; Missoula, MT; Jersey City, NJ; Las Cruces/Anthony, NM; Dayton, OH/and Charleston, SC. These drug courts were funded in 1996-1997.

It is anticipated that one award, not to exceed \$700,000, will be made for this evaluation, which is expected to be completed within 18 to 24 months.

The second area under this solicitation includes research and

evaluation projects addressing issues faced by the DCPO-funded adult and/or juvenile drug courts. For these projects, four awards of up to \$250,000 are expected. Each of these awards may last up to 24 months.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts" (refer to document no. SL000399). 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: March 3, 2000.

Jeremy Travis,*Director, National Institute of Justice.*

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women FY2000**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women FY2000."**DATES:** Proposals must be received by close of business May 15, 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 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research addressing violence against women. Violence against women is defined as intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and may include violence committed by acquaintances and strangers. Proposals are encouraged for research aimed at enhancing our knowledge of factors associated with three types of outcomes: Victim safety, offender accountability, and system accountability.

NIJ anticipates awarding up to 10 grants of varying amounts with a funding total of \$2,000,000.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women" (refer to document no. SL000398). 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: March 3, 2000.

Jeremy Travis,*Director, National Institute of Justice.*

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BILLING CODE 4410-18-P**MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION****Commission Meeting****AGENCY:** Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000, and Friday, March 17, 2000, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, and 9:00 a.m. on March 17.

Topics for discussion include: survey results on health plans' selection and payment of health care providers, quality assurance for institutional providers, care at the end of life, improving information on the Medicare program, hospital financial performance, prescription drug coverage issues, update on payments to hospital outpatient departments, payments to teaching hospitals, and DRG refinement.

Agendas will be mailed on March 7, 2000. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Relocation of Board Headquarters

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), whose headquarters is currently located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20419, is announcing that it will be relocating in June of 2000.

DATES: The exact effective date of the Board's move will be announced at a later date in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The Board's new headquarters location will be 1615 M Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20419.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon McCarthy or Matthew Shannon, Office of the Clerk, at (202) 653-7200.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed New System of Records

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Privacy Act of 1974; notice of new system of records.

SUMMARY: As required by The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Merit Systems Protection Board (Board) is publishing a notice proposing establishment of a new system of records. This new records system is the

Office of Appeals Counsel Case Production Data System. These records will be used to track the case production of individual employees in the Office of Appeals Counsel.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2000. This system of records becomes effective as proposed, without further notice, on May 8, 2000, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. Comments may be mailed to the Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20419, or faxed to the same address on 202-653-7130. Electronic mail comments may be sent via the Internet to mspb@mspb.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael H. Hoxie, Office of the Clerk of the Board, 202-653-7200.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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System Name: Office of Appeals Counsel Case Production Data System.

System Location: Office of Appeals Counsel, Merit systems, Protection Board (MSPB), 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20419.

Categories of Individuals Covered by the System: Employees in the Office of Appeals Counsel, MSPB.

Categories of Records in the System: The system consists of information about employees in the Office of Appeals Counsel of the Board, including: Name, position title, grade, and series, organizational unit, work schedule for flexiplace employees, annual and sick leave usage, and leave taken under the Family and Medical Leave Act. The system will also contain the number of cases processed by individual employees, as well as requests for credit for hours spent performing non-case related work and requests for additional credit for time-consuming case related work. The system will also contain the names and docket numbers of certain MSPB cases.

Authority for Maintenance of the System: 5 U.S.C. 1204.

Purposes: These records are used by Board officials to track the case production of individual employees and provide an effective management tool in determining assignments, promotions, training and other personnel actions affecting employees in the office of Appeals Counsel.

Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purpose of Such Uses:

These records and information in them may be used:

a. To provide information to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

b. To disclose information to another Federal agency, to a court, or a party in litigation before a court, or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a Federal agency, either when the Government is a party to a judicial proceeding or in order to comply with the issuance of a subpoena.

c. To disclose, in response to a request for discovery or for appearance of a witness, information that is relevant to the subject matter involved in a pending judicial or administrative proceeding.

d. To disclose pertinent information to the appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigation, prosecution, enforcement, or implementation of a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where the Board becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.

Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining and Disposing of Records in the System

Storage: Records are stored in databases on a local area network server with standard password access security.

Retrievability: These records are retrieved by the names of the individuals for whom they are maintained.

Safeguards: Access to these records is limited to persons whose official duties require such access. Records are protected from unauthorized access through password identification procedures and other system-based protection methods.

Retention and Disposal: Records in this system are maintained as long as the individual is an employee of the Board. Expired records will be destroyed by deleting.

System Manager: Director, Office of Appeals Counsel, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20419.

Notification Procedures: Individuals wishing to inquire whether this system of records contains information about them should contact the Clerk of the Board and must follow the MSPB Privacy Act regulations at 5 CFR 1205.11 regarding such inquiries.

Record Access Procedures: Individuals requesting access to their records should contact the Clerk of the Board. Such requests should be addressed to the Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120