

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

[OJP (OJJDP)-1263]

Announcement of the Juvenile Mentoring Program Discretionary Competitive Assistance Program

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is announcing the availability of a program announcement soliciting applications for the Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP).

DATES: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., ET, on Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All application packages should be mailed or delivered to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, c/o Juvenile Justice Resource Center, 2277 Research Boulevard, Mail Stop 2K, Rockville, MD 20850; 301'519'5535. The application should be submitted on 8½-by 11-inch paper, double-spaced on one side of the paper in a standard 12-point font with each page numbered sequentially. Interested applicants can obtain a copy of the program announcement and the *OJJDP Application Kit* from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse by calling 800-638-8736 or sending a request via Fax-on-Demand (800-638-8736) or e-mail (askncjrs.org). The program announcement and *Application Kit* are also available at OJJDP's Web site at www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Travis A. Cain or Susan Brunson, Program Managers, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-307-5914. [This is not a toll-free number.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized under Part G of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended (Pub. L. 93-415; 42 U.S.C. 5667e *et seq.*). The JUMP program provides funding for one-to-one mentoring projects for youth at risk of educational failure, dropping out of school, or involvement in delinquent activities, including gangs and substance abuse. The JUMP program strategy is to fund collaborative efforts between local educational agencies and public/private nonprofit organizations or tribal nations

to support development of effective mentoring programs for at-risk youth. Applicants should target at-risk youth in high crime areas where 60 percent or more of youth in the participating school are approved to receive Chapter I funds (Free and Reduced Lunch Program) under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and where a considerable number of youth are truant or drop out of school each year. OJJDP encourages applications from both new programs and those programs with proven track records that want to expand their mentoring activities in accordance with this solicitation's program goals and objectives. National organizations are not eligible to compete for funding available through this effort. Awards of up to \$210,000 for 3-year budget and project periods will be available.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

John J. Wilson,

Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**National Institute of Justice**

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**National Institute of Justice
Announcement of the Ninth Meeting of
the National Commission on the Future
of DNA Evidence**

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the ninth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

DATES: The ninth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place on Sunday, April 9, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., CDT, and on Monday, April 10, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Regal Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. Phone: (312) 751-9205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA, Executive Director. Phone: (202) 616-8123. [This is not a toll-free number].

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 Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance

consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Workforce Security (OWS), is soliciting comments concerning a proposed new collection of survey data necessary to perform a benefit-cost analysis of the self-employment assistance (SEA) program.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before May 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Wayne Gordon, USDOL, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, Phone: (202) 208-5915 x200 (this is not a toll-free number), fax: (202) 219-8506 (this is not a toll-free number), e-mail: wgordon@doleta.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background:

As part of its mandate under Section 906 of the Social Security Act to establish a continuing and

comprehensive program of research to evaluate the unemployment compensation system, the USDOL, ETA, OWS, is conducting a study of benefits and costs of Unemployment Insurance (UI) SEA programs that are currently operating in a small number of States. This requires conducting a telephone survey to gather information regarding the programs' impacts on society, employers, participants, nonparticipants and the government sectors. As a complement to the benefit-cost analysis, DOL wishes to assemble an inventory of knowledge of current SEA programs to assist States wishing to implement a SEA program.

The study is following through on recommendations included in a report to Congress on implementation of the prior Unemployment Insurance (UI) Self-Employment Assistance Demonstration. That report, which recommended that the program be made permanent, identified a need for follow up on program participants and the desirability of benefit-cost analysis.

In accomplishing this overall purpose, the study will do the following: (1) Determine the net benefits of SEA programs; (2) obtain the necessary SESA and SEA participant cost information associated with these programs; (3) perform an analysis of program-to-program variation in service provision and other program variables; (4) develop a complete demographic profile of current SEA participants and identify the impacts of this relatively new reemployment strategy on labor market outcomes for these participants with regard to their total employment in wage and salary and self-employment (weeks worked), total earnings, and any subsequent claims for unemployment benefits; and (5) inventory the different administrative configurations and service packages offered within the participating States to provide information to other participating States on cost-effective strategies and to assist States wishing to implement a SEA program.

II. Current Actions

To examine these issues, ETA is planning to collect survey data from random samples of present and past SEA participants in three designated States. The survey will collect data unavailable from administrative records. These data include detailed information on background characteristics of sample members, including characteristics of their pre-layoff jobs; information on their employment and earnings and job characteristics following receipt of UI; and information on their participation in any reemployment services, more specifically, the SEA program.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submissions of responses.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: U.S. DOL, ETA, Office of Workforce Security.

Title: Benefit-cost Analysis of the Self-Employment Assistance program.

Agency Number: 1205.

Affected Public: Present and past participants in (SEA) programs in Maine, New York and New Jersey.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Burden (hours)
Participant survey	1200	One time	1200	10	200
Totals	1200		200

Total Burden Cost: \$35,000.00.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information

collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Grace A. Kilbane,
Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.
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