

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****[OJP(NIJ)-1264]****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