

enforcement training and equipment for new and existing officers. This program, which complements the COPS Office's efforts to fund 100,000 additional community policing officers and support innovative community policing, will enhance law enforcement infrastructures and community policing efforts in these Tribal communities, many of which have limited resources and are affected by high rates of crime and violence.

The Tribal Resources Grant Program is part of a larger federal initiative which over the last three years, has resulted in the Department of Interior and Justice working in collaboration to improve law enforcement in tribal communities. A total of \$91.5 million has been appropriated to several DOJ agencies including the FBI, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Corrections Program Office (CPO), and the COPS Office. COPS is coordinating with these agencies as well as with the Office of Law Enforcement Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure that limited resources are not spent on duplicative efforts.

The Tribal Resources Grant will provide tribal communities with the resources to: hire new police officers; train new and existing officers in community policing, grants management and computer training as well as basic police training at a state academy or the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM; and provide basic standard issue equipment, ranging from bullet-proof vests and uniforms, to firearms and portable radios.

The Tribal Resources Grant Program emphasizes deployment of officers and resources into communities that are affected by high rates of crime and violence. Applicants must submit a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after federal funding has ended. This plan must be submitted to the COPS Office with the Tribal Resource Grant Program application.

A total of \$40,000,000 in funding will be available under the Tribal Resources Grant Program. The grant will cover a maximum federal Share of 75% of total project costs, including approved salary and benefits of entry-level police officers (up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer over three years), basic law enforcement training and equipment, vehicles, and technology. A local match requirement of 25% of the total project costs is included in this program. A waiver of the local match requirement may be requested but will be granted only on the basis of documented

demonstrated fiscal hardship. Requests for waivers must be submitted with the application.

Tribes whose law enforcement services are provided by local policing agencies through contract arrangements are not eligible under this COPS program. However, tribes that do not meet the eligibility requirements for this program may apply to the COPS Office Universal Hiring Program for police officer positions only.

Receiving an award under the Tribal Resources Grant Program will not preclude grantees from future consideration under other COPS grant programs for which they are eligible.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

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Thomas Frazier,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Public Meeting; Concerning Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Consent Decrees

The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency announce a public meeting to be held on March 21, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1425 New York Ave., N.W., 13th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC. The subject of the meeting will be implementation of the provisions of seven consent decrees signed by the United States and diesel engine manufacturers and entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on July 1, 1999. In supporting entry by the Court of the decrees, the United States committed to meet with states, industry groups, environmental groups, and concerned citizens to discuss consent decree implementation issues. This will be the third of a series of public meetings to be held quarterly during the first year of implementation of the consent decrees and at least annually thereafter. Future meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and/or on EPA's Diesel Engine Settlement web page at: www.epa.gov/oeca/ore/aed/diesel.

Topics covered will likely include the manufacturers' progress toward meeting the emission standards in the Consent Decrees and EPA's recent approval of the manufacturers' Project proposals. Interested parties may contract the Environmental Protection Agency prior to the meeting at the address listed

below with questions or suggestions for other topics of discussion.

For further information, please contact: Anne Wick, EPA Diesel Engine Consent Decree Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code 2242A), EPA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20460, e-mail: WICK.ANNE@EPA.GOV.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2000, a proposed partial consent decree ("consent decree") in *United States v. Excel Corp.*, Civil Action No. 3:93CV119RM, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

In this action the United States sought recovery, under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), of response costs incurred in connection with the Main Street Well Field Site in Elkhart, Indiana ("Site"). The proposed consent decree provides for the payment by American Electronic Components, Inc., successor by statutory merger to defendant Durakool, Inc. ("AEC/Durakool"), of \$2,700,000 of the United States' unrecovered response costs at the Site, plus interest.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Excel Corp.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-799.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 301 Federal Building, 204 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana; and at the Region 5 Office of EPA, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a