

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY

Proposed Action

The mission of the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) is to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prison and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure, and that provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens. The Bureau accomplishes its mission through the appropriate use of community correction, detention, and correctional facilities that are either: Federally-owned and operated; Federally-owned and non-Federally operated; and non-Federally owned and operated.

The Bureau is facing a period of unprecedented growth in its inmate population. Projections show the federal inmate population increasing from approximately 120,000 inmates to 205,000 inmates by 2007. As such, the demand for bedspace within the federal prison system will continue to grow at a significant rate. To accommodate a portion of the growing inmate population, the Bureau has determined that an additional medium-security Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) or a high-security United States Penitentiary (USP) is needed in its system. Therefore, the Bureau is proposing to build and operate a medium-security FCI or high-security USP, with an adjacent minimum-security satellite camp, in Fresno County, California. The main medium-security facility would provide habitation for approximately 1,200 inmates, and a high-security USP would provide habitation for approximately 1,000 inmates. An additional 150–300 inmates will be housed (at the USP or FCI) in an adjacent minimum-security satellite camp.

Several sites in Fresno County, California have been offered to the Bureau for consideration in developing a medium-security FCI or high-security USP and satellite camp. The Bureau has preliminarily evaluated these sites and determined that the prospective sites appear to be of sufficient size to provide space for housing, programs, administrative services and other support facilities associated with the correctional facility. The DEIS to be prepared by the Bureau will analyze the potential impacts of correctional facility

construction and operation at these sites.

The Process

In the process of evaluating the sites, several aspects will receive detailed examination including, but are not limited to: topography, geology/soils, hydrology, biological resources, utility services, transportation services, cultural resources, land uses, socio-economics, hazardous materials, air and noise quality, among others.

Alternatives

In developing the DEIS, the options of “no action” and “alternative sites” for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. A public Scoping Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the Victor P. Lopez Rural Development Job Training Center located at 1705 Anchor Avenue, Orange Cove, California. There will also be a public Scoping Meeting held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at the Mendota High School, located at 1200 Belmont Avenue in Mendota, California. The meeting locations, date, and time will be well publicized and has been arranged to allow for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend. The meetings are being held to allow interested persons to formally express their views on the scope and significant issues to be studied as part of the DEIS process. The Scoping Meeting is being held to provide for timely public comments and understanding of federal plans and programs with possible environmental consequences as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In addition, public information meetings will continue to be held in Fresno County by representatives of the Bureau with interested citizens, elected officials, and community leaders.

DEIS Preparation

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

Addresses:

Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20534,

Telephone (202) 514–6470, Telefacsimile (202) 616–6024, E-Mail: siteselection@bop.gov.

Dated: May 17, 2000.

David J. Dorworth, Chief,

Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: June 15, 2000, 10 am, U.S. Department of Labor, N–3437 C&D, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2155(f) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Phone: (202) 219–7597.

Signed at Washington, DC this 15th day of May 2000.

Andrew James Samet,

Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act: Indian and Native American Programs Under Section 166

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed data collection.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation process 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 process helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burdens are 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), in consultation with the Native American Employment and Training Council, is soliciting comments concerning the proposed institution of a "reporting and performance standards system for Indian and Native American programs under title I, section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)". A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before July 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: James C. DeLuca, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8502 ext 119 (VOICE) or (202) 219-6338 (FAX) (these are not toll-free numbers) or INTERNET: jdeluca@doleta.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection request are available for inspection in the Division of Indian and Native American Programs at the above address, and will be mailed to persons who request copies in writing from James C. DeLuca at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Native American Employment and Training Council, is requesting approval of a new reporting and performance standards system for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) title I, section 166 Indian and Native American grantees for three program years (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003). In evaluating the last several

years' reporting experience of the grantees who receive funding under JTPA section 401, including title II-B Summer Youth funds, and in light of the statutory requirements of WIA applicable to section 166 grantees, the Department has developed the following recommended reporting requirements which it believes supports the statutory requirements under WIA as they relate to the Indian and Native American Program.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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 burden estimate for 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 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.

III. Current Action

This proposed ICR will be used by approximately 150 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) section 166 grantees as the primary reporting and performance measurement vehicle for enrolled individuals, their characteristics, training and services provided, outcomes, including job placement and employability enhancements, as well as detailed financial data on program expenditures. Grantees participating in the demonstration under Public Law 102-477 will not be affected by this collection, and have not been included in the following burden estimates.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Reporting and performance system for WIA title I, section 166 Indian and Native American grantees.

OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 17.251 (this would replace similar Indian and Native American employment and training

activities conducted under section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act)

Record Keeping: Grantees shall retain supporting and other documents necessary for the compilation and submission of the subject reports for three years after submission of the final financial report for the grant in question [29 CFR 97.42 and/or 29 CFR 95.53].

Affected Public: Federally-recognized Indian tribes, bands, and groups; Alaska Native entities; Hawaiian Native entities; private non-profit Indian-controlled organizations; State Indian Commissions or Councils (Native American-controlled); consortia of any and/or all of the above.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: The collection instrument is the Indian and Native American Reporting and Performance System and related instructions. OMB-approved forms are provided for use in gathering information at the grantee field office level.

Total Respondents: 150.

Frequency: Quarterly for financial information; Semi-annually and annually for participation and characteristics information (for both the Comprehensive and Supplemental Youth Services programs).

Total Responses: 900 [For the Comprehensive Services program] (150 times 2, plus 150 times 4—possibly more) There are four statutorily-required quarterly financial status reports per grantee per year, by year of appropriation. For participation and characteristics information, there is one semi-annual and one annual submission per year, regardless of the year(s) of funding expended during the program year. There is only one format for the participation and characteristics report.

Total Responses: 690 [For the Supplemental Youth Services program] (115 recipients of Supplemental Youth Services funds times 2, 115 times four—possibly more). There are four statutorily-required quarterly financial status reports per grantee per year, by year of appropriation. For participation and characteristics information, there is one semi-annual and one annual submission per year, regardless of the year(s) of funding expended during the program year. There is only one format for the participation and characteristics report.

Average Time per Response: Financial Status Report (FSR)—7.75 hours; [ETA 9083] Participation and Characteristics Report (PCR) for the Comprehensive Services Program—9.67 hours; [ETA 9084] Participation and Characteristics Report (PCR) for the Supplemental Youth Services Program—9.67 hours [ETA 9085] The individual time per

response varies widely depending on the degree of automation attained by individual grantees. Grantees also vary according to the numbers of individuals served in each program year. If the grantee has a fully-developed and automated MIS, the response time is limited to one-time programming plus processing time for each response. It is the Department's desire to see as many WIA section 166 grantees as possible become computerized, so that response time for reporting will eventually sift down to an irreducible minimum with an absolute minimum of human intervention.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 13,340 (minimum)—1,590 total responses. (FSR: 1,060 responses times 7.75 hours = 8,215 burden hours). (PCR: 530 responses times 9.67 hours = 5,125 burden hours). The total of these two estimates yields a total estimate of at least 13,340 total burden hours per response cycle (one program year). The use of the term "minimum" refers to the fact that an individual grantee must continue to report on expenditures by year of appropriation until those funds are completely expended, or "zeroed out". Thus, if more than one year's appropriation is expended in a given quarter, two (or more) FSRs must be submitted for that period, corresponding to the fund source(s) utilized.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0-

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$200,100 (13,340 total hours per response cycle times an estimated average wage of \$15.00 per grantee staff hour). As noted, these costs will vary widely among grantees, from nearly no additional cost to some higher figure, depending on the state of automation attained by each grantee and the wages paid to the staff actually completing the various forms. All costs associated with the submission of these forms are allowable grant expenses.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of May, 2000.

Thomas M. Dowd,

Acting Director, Office of National Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10624, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; The Banc Funds Company, LLC (TBFC)

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. ____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5638, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of

proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.

The Banc Funds Company, LLC (TBFC), Located in Chicago, IL

[Application No. D-10624]

Proposed Exemption

Based on the facts and representations set forth in the application, the Department is considering granting an exemption under the authority of section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990).¹

Section I. Covered Transactions

If the exemption is granted, the restrictions of sections 406(a) and 406(b) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code, shall not apply to (1) the purchase or redemption of interests in the Banc Fund V, L.P. (the Partnership) by employee benefit plans (the Plans) investing in the Banc Fund V Group Trust (the BF V Group Trust), where TBFC, a party in interest with respect to the Plans, is the general partner of MidBanc V, L.P. (MidBanc V), which is, in turn, the general partner (the General Partner) of the Partnership; (2) the sale,

¹ For purposes of this proposed exemption, references to the provisions of Title I of the Act, unless otherwise specified, refer also to corresponding provisions of the Code.