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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Disaster Home Loan Application.

*No's:* 5C, 739.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Individual Victims who seek Federal Assistance in a Declared Disaster.

*Annual Responses:* 53,975.

*Annual Burden:* 80,963.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3264]**

**State of Florida**

Broward County and the contiguous counties of Collier, Dade, Hendry, and Palm Beach in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by heavy rains that occurred on May 12, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on August 14, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on March 13, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	In percent
For physical damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	7.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.687
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	6.750
For economic injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere ...	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 326406 for physical damage and 9H5400 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: June 13, 2000.

**Kris Swedin,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request**

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3507), SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collection listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collection would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of the notice. You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

Internet Retirement Insurance Benefit (IRIB) Application—0960-0618. SSA intends to offer its customers another way to apply for retirement insurance benefits. Currently, applicants for retirement insurance benefits complete an SSA-1 by telephone or in person with the assistance of an SSA employee. The IRIB application will enable individuals to complete the application on their own electronically over the Internet. The information collected will be used by SSA to determine entitlement to retirement insurance benefits. SSA plans to implement the IRIB application nationally later this year. The respondents are individuals who apply for retirement insurance benefits over the Internet.

*Number of Respondents:* 139,308.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 46,436 hours.

**SSA Address**

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs**

**(Public Notice 3339)**

**International Demand Reduction Program (IDR)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Europe, NIS, and Training; Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, State

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) developed the International Demand Reduction program (IDR) in 1978 to assist foreign countries to mobilize public and private sectors in effective support of national narcotic control policies and programs. The program was enhanced in 1990 to assist foreign countries with the development of self-sustaining prevention, education, and treatment programs. The goal of the program is to enhance foreign political determination to combat illegal drug abuse and convince governments to dedicate sufficient resources to effectively fight this problem.

The IDR program has been modified to include the participation of non-Federal agencies (e.g., universities, non profit organizations) in the design and implementation of research and evaluation studies on these programs. This component of the IDR program has a timeframe of 2000-2003.

**DATES:** Strict deadlines for submission to the FY 2000 process are: Full proposals must be received at INL no later than Friday, July 28. Letters of intent will not be required. We anticipate that review of full proposals will occur during August 2000 and funding should begin during September of 2000 for most approved projects. September 25, 2000 should be used as the proposed start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by a program manager. Applicants should be notified

of their status within 6 months of submission deadline. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with guidelines below. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals may be submitted to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Navy Hill South, 2430 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, Attn: Linda Gower.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Gower at above address, TEL: 202-776-8774, FAX: 202-776-8775, or Thom Browne at above address, TEL: 202-736-4662, FAX: 202-647-6962.

Once the RFA deadline has passed, DOS staff may not discuss competition in any way with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Funding Availability**

This Program Announcement is for projects to be conducted by agencies/ programs outside the Federal government, for a period of up to three years. Actual funding levels will depend upon availability of funds. Current plans are for up to a total of \$700,000 per year for one-three years to be available for two new IDR awards. The funding instrument for this award will be a grant or a cooperative agreement. Funding for non-U.S. institutions and contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to INL are not available under this announcement. Matching share, though encouraged, is not required by this program. No proposal should exceed a total yearly cost of \$ 350,000.

**Program Authority**

Authority: Section 635(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act, as amended

**Program Objectives**

The goal of the IDR program is to enhance foreign political determination to combat illegal drug abuse and convince governments to dedicate sufficient resources to effectively fight this problem.

The program objectives of the IDR program are: (1) Strengthen the ability of host nations to conduct more effective demand reduction efforts on their own; (2) encourage drug producing and transit countries to invest resources in drug awareness, demand reduction, and training to build public support and political will for implementing counter-narcotics programs; (3) improve coordination of, and cooperation in, international drug awareness and

demand reduction issues involving the U.S., donor countries and international organizations; and (4) utilize accomplishments in the international program to benefit U.S. demand reduction services at home.

**Program Priorities**

The FY 2000 IDR Program Announcement invites program assessment and evaluation design proposals for selected international demand reduction programs in the following areas:

(1) Program assessment to identify best practices, common (cross cultural) program elements, and lessons learned from organizations in selected countries that developed effective programs which serve youth involved in or at-risk of becoming involved in drug-related violence; and

(2) Program assessment to identify best practices, common (cross cultural) program elements, and lessons learned from organizations in selected countries that developed effective drug treatment/ after care programs.

For the purpose of this announcement, projects providing services for youths at-risk for drug-related violence in Colombia, Sicily, the United States, and South Africa will be the focus of the "best practice" program assessment. The proposed project should involve four phases—an initial gathering of background information; field work in the selected countries to obtain information from public organizations and NGOs; training and technical assistance, as necessary, to strengthen anti-violence programs in target foreign countries only; and report generation that summarizes findings by country and across countries/sites.

For the purpose of this announcement, projects providing drug treatment and after care services for adult and juvenile populations in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Europe will be the focus of the "best practice" program assessment. Applicants should budget for separate, two-week fact finding trips as follows: three trips to Europe and four trips each to Latin America and Southeast Asia. INL will identify specific countries/programs to visit after grant award. The proposed project should involve four phases—an initial gathering of background information, field work in the selected countries to obtain information from public organizations and NGOs, report generation that summarizes findings by country and across countries/sites, and a descriptive report that highlights accomplishments/results for foreign treatment programs established from INL-funded training from 1990 to the

present. This information will be collected during the field works finding trips outlined above.

Any grant applicants who will be working with counterpart research institutions/universities to implement the proposed assessment or evaluation programs may sub-grant or sub-contract services to assist in fulfilling program objectives.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility is limited to non-Federal agencies and organizations. Applicants are urged to seek collaboration with counterpart research institutions/ universities. *Experience of U.S. evaluators related to conducting demand reduction-related training and technical assistance and/or program assessments/evaluations in international settings, though not required, is helpful.* Universities and non-profit organizations are included among entities eligible for funding under this announcement. Direct funding for non-U.S. institutions is not available under this announcement.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Consideration for financial assistance will be given to those proposals which address Program Priorities identified above and meet the following evaluation criteria:

(1) *Relevance (15%):* Importance and relevance to the goal and objectives of the IDR program identified above.

(2) *Methodology (20%):* Adequacy of the proposed approach and activities, including development of relevant evaluation methodologies, research protocols, training curricula, project milestones, and final products.

(3) *Readiness (25%):* Relevant history and experience in conducting program evaluations, assessments, and training in the program priority areas identified above, strength of proposed evaluation/ assessment/training teams, past performance record of applicants.

(4) *Linkages (25%):* Connections to existing demand reduction or correctional agencies in target countries outlined in Program Priorities above, in addition to previous program assessment/evaluation/training experience in these countries.

(5) *Costs (15%):* Adequacy/efficiency of the proposed resources; appropriate share of total available resources.

**Selection Procedures**

All proposals will be evaluated and ranked in accordance with the assigned weights of the above evaluation criteria by independent peer panel review composed of INL and other Federal USG agency experts. The panel's

recommendations and evaluations will be considered by the program managers in final selections. Those ranked by the panel and program managers as not recommended for funding will not be given further consideration and will be notified of non-selection. For the proposals rated for possible funding, the program managers will: (a) Ascertain which proposals meet the objectives, fit the criteria posted; (b) select the proposals to be funded; (c) determine the total duration of funding for each proposal; and (d) determine the amount of funds available for each proposal.

Unsatisfactory performance by a recipient under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

### Proposal Submission

The guidelines for proposal preparation provided below are mandatory. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

#### (a) Full Proposals

(1) Proposals submitted to INL must include the original and three unbound copies of the proposal. (2) Program descriptions must be limited to 20 pages (numbered), not including budget, personnel vitae, letters of support and all appendices, and should be limited to funding requests for one to three years duration. Federally mandated forms are not included within the page count. (3) Proposals should be sent to INL at the above address. (4) Facsimile transmissions of full proposals will not be accepted.

#### (b) Required Elements

(1) *Signed title page*: The title page should be signed by the Project Director (PD) and the institutional representative and should clearly indicate which project area is being addressed. The PD and institutional representative should be identified by full name, title, organization, telephone number and address. The total amount of Federal funds being requested should be listed for each budget period.

(2) *Abstract*: An abstract must be included and should contain an introduction of the problem, rationale and a brief summary of work to be completed. The abstract should appear as a separate page, headed with the proposal title, institution(s) name, investigator(s), total proposed cost and budget period.

(3) *Prior program evaluation experience*: A summary of prior demand reduction-related program evaluation experience should be described, including evaluations/assessments

related to program priorities identified above and/or conducted in foreign countries. Reference to each prior program evaluation award should include the title, agency, award number, period of award and total award. The section should be a brief summary and should not exceed two pages total.

(4) *Statement of work*: The proposed project must be completely described, including identification of the problem, project objectives, proposed evaluation/assessment methodology, relevance to the goal and objectives of the IDR program, and the program priorities listed above. Benefits of the proposed project to U.S. demand reduction/violence reduction efforts should be discussed. A year-by-year summary of proposed work must be included clearly indicating that each year's proposal work is severable and can easily be separated into annual increments of meaningful work. The statement of work, including figures and other visual materials, must not exceed 20 pages of length.

(5) *Budget*: Applicants must submit a Standard form 424 (4-92) "Application for Federal Assistance," including a detailed budget using the Standard Form 424a (4-92), "Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs." The proposal must include total and annual budgets corresponding with the descriptions provided in the statement of work. Additional text to justify expenses should be included (*i.e.*, salaries and benefits by each proposed staff person; direct costs such as travel (airfare, per diem, miscellaneous travel costs); equipment, supplies, contractual, and indirect costs). Indicate if indirect rates are DCAA or other Federal agency approved or proposed rates and provide a copy of the current rate agreement. In addition, furnish the same level of information regarding sub-grantee costs, if applicable, and submit a copy of your most recent A-110 audit report.

(6) *Vitae*: Abbreviated curriculum vitae are sought with each proposal. Vitae for each project staff person should not exceed three pages in length.

#### (c) Other Requirements

*Primary Applicant Certification*—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying." Applicants are also hereby notified of the following:

1. *Non procurement Debarment and Suspension*—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26,

"Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension," and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. *Drug Free Workplace*—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Government Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. *Anti-Lobbying*—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants of more than \$100,000; and

4. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosures*—Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

#### Lower Tier Certifications

(1) Recipients must require applicants/bidders for sub-grants or lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to Department of State (DOS). SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to DOS in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(2) Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Department of State policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(3) *Pre-award Activities*—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation to the applicant on the part of Department of State to cover pre-award costs.

(4) This program is subject to the requirements of OMB Circular No. A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," OMB Circular No.

A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions," and 15 CFR Part 24, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," as applicable. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(5) All non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associate with the applicant have been convicted of, or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(6) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(7) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(i) The delinquent account is paid in full.

(ii) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of State are made.

(8) Buy American-Made Equipment or Products—Applicants are encouraged that any equipment or products authorized to be purchased with funding provided under this program must be American-made to the maximum extent feasible.

(9) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(d) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of State has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of State.

(e) In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving assistance from the INL IDR program.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number. The standard forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB approval number 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046.

*Classification:* This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

**Thomas M. Browne Jr.,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Europe, NIS, and Training, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Invitation for Public Comment From FTAA Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative is providing notification that the Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society (Committee), established by the 34 countries participating in the negotiations for a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), has issued an invitation for public comment on trade matters related to the FTAA process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** The invitation for public comment and a cover sheet identifying information to be included with submissions to the Committee have been posted on the official FTAA website ([www.ftaa-alca.org](http://www.ftaa-alca.org)) and are reproduced below. The FTAA website also contains background information regarding the FTAA process, including the Committee's report of November 1999 to the FTAA Trade Ministers and the Toronto and San Jose Ministerial Declarations. Any questions concerning the FTAA negotiations should be addressed to the agency's Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs at (202) 395-5190.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## 1. Background on the FTAA Negotiations

*Miami Summit of the Americas.* On December 11, 1994, President Clinton and the 33 other democratically-elected leaders in the Western Hemisphere met in Miami, Florida for the first Summit of the Americas. They agreed to conclude negotiations on a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) no later than the year 2005 and to achieve concrete progress toward that objective by the end of the century. The Miami Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action announced the agreements reached by the leaders at the first Summit of the Americas. With respect to the FTAA, the Plan of Action states in part:

We will strive to maximize market openness through high levels of discipline as we build upon existing agreements in the Hemisphere. We will also strive for balanced and comprehensive agreements, including among others: Tariffs and non-tariff barriers affecting trade in goods and services; agriculture; subsidies; investment; intellectual property rights; government procurement; technical barriers to trade; safeguards; rules of origin; antidumping and countervailing duties; sanitary and phytosanitary standards and procedures; dispute resolution; and competition policy.

The Plan of Action also states:

Free trade and increased economic integration are key factors for sustainable development. This will be furthered as we strive to make our trade liberalization and environmental policies mutually supportive, taking into account efforts undertaken by the GATT/WTO and other international organizations. As economic integration in the Hemisphere proceeds, we will further secure the observance and promotion of worker rights, as defined by appropriate international conventions. We will avoid disguised restrictions on trade, in accordance with the GATT/WTO and other international obligations.

*San Jose Ministerial.* The 34 Western Hemisphere ministers responsible for trade met on March 19, 1998 in San Jose, Costa Rica. At the San Jose meeting, the trade ministers recommended that the Western Hemisphere leaders initiate the negotiations and provided recommendations on the structure, objectives, principles, and venues of the negotiations. The trade ministers proposed the creation of nine negotiating groups and three non-negotiating committees and groups, including the Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society. They also established the Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) to guide the work of the negotiating groups, to decide on the overall