

clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 23, 2001.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Mr. Frank L. Sapienza, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, telephone (202) 307-7183.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

1. *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *The title of the form/collection:* Application for Procurement for Controlled Substances.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form number: DEA Form 250. *Applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Abstract: Title 21, CFR 1303.12(b), requires that U.S. companies who desire

to use any basic class of controlled substances listed in Schedule I or II for purposes of manufacturing during the next calendar year, shall apply on DEA Form 250 for a procurement quota for such class.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents, responses and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 243 respondents, 807 responses, one hour per response. A respondent may submit multiple responses. A respondent will take an estimate of one hour to complete each form.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 807 annual burden hours.

Public comments on this proposed information collection are strongly encouraged.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 12, 2001.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 23, 2001.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection

instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ellen Wesley, 202-616-3558, Office of Budget and Management Services, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy or the agency estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to Joseph Moone, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Joseph Moone, 202-6161-3643, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: CJ-14 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract; primary:* Public and private juvenile detention, correctional, shelter, facilities. *Other:* None.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The total number of respondents is 3,500 at an average of 4 hours to respond.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated total burden hours is 11,142.

If additional information is required contact; Mrs. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, National Place, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Corrections

Solicitation for a Cooperative Agreement—improving Community Responses to Women Offenders; Training and Technical Assistance to Three Local Jurisdictions

AGENCY: National Institute of Corrections, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Solicitation for a cooperative agreement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC), announces the availability of funds in FY 2001 for a cooperative agreement to fund the Project "Improving Community Responses to Women Offenders; Training and Technical Assistance to Three Local Jurisdictions." NIC will award one cooperative agreement to provide intensive assistance (site coordination, training and technical assistance) to three local jurisdictions interested in developing policies and practices that increase the rates of successful completion of community supervision for women who are pretrial defendants or sentenced offenders. NIC commits to providing assistance for two full years to each of the three jurisdictions selected in the current fiscal year (FY 2001). Up

to \$200,000 is available for the first twelve months of the two-year project. Based on successful provision of services in the first project period, a continuation award will be made to the successful applicant for this solicitation for the second year. Two hundred thousand is budgeted in FY 2002 for the second twelve-month phase of the project.

This solicitation is for the organization that will work with NIC to deliver services to three jurisdictions. There will be a separate program announcement to which local jurisdictions will respond and apply for participation in the two-year project.

A cooperative agreement is a form of assistance relationship through which the National Institute of Corrections is substantially involved during the performance of the award. An award is made to an organization that will, in concert with the Institute, meet the objectives of the solicitation. No funds are transferred to state or local governments.

NIC Experience: For ten years the NIC Community Corrections Division has worked with jurisdictions to increase the success of women offenders supervised in the community through the Intermediate Sanctions for Women Offenders (ISWO) Project. The thirteen jurisdictions that have participated in the ISWO include counties and states, both urban and rural, ranging in population from under 200,000 to over five million. The goals of these projects were to work collaboratively with sites to (1) develop sound information on current sentencing practices and the risk, needs and life circumstances of the women offenders; and (2) use the information and experience of policy team member to develop policies and concrete action steps for implementation of desired changes in the ranges of intermediate sanctions targeted for women offenders in the thirteen jurisdictions.

NIC worked with jurisdictions to accomplish these goals through a systems planning process with two critical characteristics: it was undertaken by a team of policy officials from the criminal justice system, human services, and the community; and it was supported by analysis of information about women offenders and the criminal justice practices and programs, from arrest through sentencing and disposition, which affect them. As jurisdictions engaged the work, it became clear that few had any significant data on women offenders in the community, and most jurisdictions were making decisions about them based on untested assumptions and

anecdotal evidence. While the sites varied in their ability and willingness to fully engage in policy development in a systems context, they all reaped benefits from their work (e.g., increased the number and type of intermediate sanctions for women offenders, improved the gender-responsiveness of existing options, provided extensive training on women offenders, and greatly increased the system's understanding of the needs of women offenders).

In the last four years of the ISWO project, NIC focused on local jurisdictions with populations of over 500,000. The intent was to test whether NIC assistance could improve sanctioning responses for significant numbers of women. As a result of this last cycle, NIC also chose to focus more attention on early (pre-trial) decisions regarding women defendants and on the roles of jails, courts, pretrial services, probation and human/community services in providing better information and more effective options at the front end of the system. The last three jurisdictions were Cook County, IL; Hampden County, MA; and Hamilton County, OH. A draft report titled, *Intermediate Sanctions for Women Offenders; Project Overview and Analysis 1991-1999*, provides a more complete history of the project. It is available in draft form from the NIC Information Center, telephone: 1-800-877-1461. Request Accession #15530.

Project Premises: The current solicitation is based on (1) NIC's experience with the ISWO and its evolution to a local system project focused on both early decision points and development of more purposeful pretrial and sentencing options; and (2) the following premises regarding the need for assistance to improve community responses to women in the criminal justice system:

- Women commit largely non-violent, property and drug offenses and are good candidates for managing their risk to public safety in the community. They are at high risk of reoffending for "low stakes" crimes. They receive little effective treatment during early experiences of involvement with the criminal justice system.

- It is reasonable to expect that the design of criminal justice system responses for women will continue to hold them accountable for their offenses while improving their chances of success under community supervision.

- Mandatory sentencing for non-violent, drug offenses has resulted in large numbers of women serving longer periods of time in correctional facilities.