

Signed in Washington, DC this 14th day of January 2002.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice of Intent To Award—Grant Awards for the Provision of Civil Legal Services to Eligible Low-Income Clients Beginning March 1, 2002

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Announcement of intention to make FY 2002 Competitive Grant Awards.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) hereby announces its intention to award grants and contracts to provide economical and effective delivery of high quality civil legal services to eligible low-income clients, beginning March 1, 2002.

DATES: All comments and recommendations must be received on or before the close of business on March 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Haley, Office of Program Performance, (202) 336-8827.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to LSC's announcement of funding availability on Thursday, December 6, 2001, LSC will award funds to one or more of the following organizations to provide civil legal services in the indicated service areas. The grant amounts shown below are based on FY 2002 funding levels and reflect a ten month funding period beginning March 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002.

Service area	Applicant name	FY 2002 award
LA-1	Capital Area Legal Services Corporation.	\$1,246,370
LA-4	New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation.	1,740,090
LA-8	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.	530,650

These grants and contracts will be awarded under the authority conferred on LSC by the Legal Services

Corporation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2996e(a)(1)). Awards will be made so that each service area indicated above is served, although none of the listed organizations are guaranteed an award or contract. This public notice is issued pursuant to the LSC Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(f)), with a request for comments and recommendations concerning the potential grantees within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Grants will become effective and grant funds will be distributed on or about March 1, 2002.

Dated: January 28, 2002.

Michael A. Genz,

Director, Office of Program Performance.

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MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

The United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Application for Support from the Environmental Conflict Resolution Participation Program

AGENCY: Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and supporting regulations, this document announces that the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (the U.S. Institute), part of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, is submitting the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Application for Support from the Environmental Conflict Resolution Participation Program. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost. This document provides information on the need for the ECR Participation Program, information to be provided by applicants in the application form, and estimates the public burden associated with applying for and documenting activities conducted under the ECR Participation Program. Applications will not be accepted by the U.S. Institute until all

Paperwork Reduction Act requirements are fulfilled.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments referencing "ECR-Participation Program" to the following addresses: David P. Bernard, Associate Director, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 110 South Church Avenue, Suite 3350, Tucson, Arizona 85701, and Amy Farrell, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct comments and requests for information, including copies of the ICR, to: David P. Bernard, Associate Director, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 110 South Church Avenue, Suite 3350, Tucson, Arizona 85701, Fax: 520-670-5530; Phone: 520-670-5299; E-mail: bernard@ecr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Title for the Collection of Information

Application for Support from the Environmental Conflict Resolution Participation Program

B. Potentially Affected Persons

State and local governments and agencies, tribes, and non-governmental organizations who may apply to the U.S. Institute for support to initiate multi-party, neutral-led conflict resolution processes on environmental and natural resource issues involving federal agencies or interests.

C. Questions To Consider in Making Comments

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests your comments and responses to any of the following questions related to collecting information as part of the Application for Support from the Environmental Conflict Resolution Participation Program.

1. Is the proposed application process ("collection of information") necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility?

2. Is the agency's estimate of the time spent completing the application ("burden of the proposed collection of information") accurate, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used?

3. Can you suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected?

4. Can you suggest ways to minimize the burden of the information collection 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?

D. Abstract

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution plans to collect information in an application form to be submitted by entities and organizations for the purpose of documenting the need for U.S. Institute support, both technical and financial, for specific conflict resolution projects. Through the Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR) Participation Program, the U.S. Institute will help provide neutral facilitation and convening services, and related participation support, for initiation of agreement-focused environmental conflict resolution processes. State and local governments and agencies, tribes, and non-governmental organizations, may apply for support when needed to create balanced stakeholder involvement processes involving federal agencies or interests.

Responses to the collection of information (the application) are voluntary, but are required to obtain a benefit (financial or technical support from the U.S. Institute.) The U.S. Institute may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Background Information: U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution was created in 1998 by the Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act (P.L. 105-156). The U.S. Institute is located in Tucson, Arizona and is part of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent agency of the executive branch of the federal government. The U.S. Institute's primary purpose is to provide impartial, non-partisan assistance to parties in conflicts involving environmental, natural resources, and public lands issues involving a federal interest. The U.S. Institute provides assistance in seeking agreement or resolving disputes through use of mediation and other collaborative, non-adversarial means.

The Need for and Proposed Use of the Information Collected in the Application for the ECR Participation Program: The ECR Participation Program is designed to achieve several objectives, consistent with the U.S.

Institute's mission of promoting resolution of environmental disputes involving federal agencies. The specific objectives for this program are:

- To further the U.S. Institute goal of increasing the use of ECR in environmental, natural resource, and public lands conflicts that involve federal agencies.
- To encourage high quality dispute resolution processes by supporting appropriate use of ECR strategies and appropriate balance among interests involved in the processes.
- To support the ability of all affected parties to participate effectively in ECR processes.

The U.S. Institute conducted an assessment of the need for support to foster participation by all essential parties in ECR efforts early in 2001. The U.S. Institute consulted with representatives of constituencies who would be potential users of this program to ascertain their views of the need for ECR participation support. Representatives of environmental groups, natural resource users, tribes, local and state governments, and ECR practitioners provided information about the specific needs for such a fund and about criteria for eligibility.

The consultative contacts identified the following needs for participation support.

- Many opportunities exist to build consensus on environmental and natural resource issues, but the parties are often unable to do so without neutral, third party assistance.
- State, local, non-governmental, and tribal entities often lack the technical and financial resources to obtain neutral feasibility assessments, ECR process design and facilitation.
- Third party assistance is often required to ensure balanced representation, or a level playing field, for non-governmental, state and local groups, and others who are not paid to participate in environmental negotiations and collaborative processes.
- There is also a need to provide training in interest-based negotiations for those working to overcome serious differences on environmental and natural resource issues.
- A participation support program should be easy to use and accessible to all types of applicants involved in ECR processes, but particularly to groups and situations that would be less likely than others to succeed without it.

Draft Guideline and Sample Application Form

The U.S. Institute has developed guidelines and an application form to

gather information about ECR processes for which support was requested. This provides the U.S. Institute with a mechanism for determining if the applicants meet the criteria for receiving support and for targeting support to the most promising ECR efforts (i.e. those likely to produce implementable results through collaboration.) The proposed Guidelines and sample Application form are located on the U.S. Institute's website, at www.ecr.gov/new.htm#ecr. It is expected that the ECR Participation Program will be open for applications through March, 31, 2004, roughly two years from approval of the information collection request.

ICR Process

The first Federal Register notice was published on July 24, 2001, (66 (142): 38434-38440). No formal written comments were received. However, several organizations wrote to the U.S. Institute indicating an interest in the program, and asking to be notified when the program begins accepting funding applications.

E. Burden Statement

The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average eight hours per response. As used here, burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information and transmitting information.

The Application Form will be available both in hard copy and through the U.S. Institute's web site. It is a two-page list of questions about the proposed ECR effort and the activities that require support. The application includes suggested budget formats, and is designed to allow applicants to attach existing documents and, where possible, reduce the time required for completion of the application. An application can be submitted electronically, through e-mail, and/or in hard copy via fax or mail. The required quarterly progress report form is also included in the application form attached to this submittal.

The Burden calculation includes time for applicants to complete the application form and the time required for the submittal of quarterly reports. It assumes a pool of 15 applicants per

year, and assumes that 10 of the applications will be approved. Quarterly reports would be required only for those ten funded projects. It further assumes an average of four quarterly project reports per project.

Respondent Pool: State agency staff, local government staff, non-governmental organizations, tribal governments, and natural resource user group association staff or members.

Estimated Number of Respondents (per year): 15.

Proposed Frequency of Response: One response per application, plus up to four quarterly progress reports per year.

Respondent Time Burden Estimates:

Time per Response for Initial Application: Eight hours.

Time per Responder for Quarterly Reports: 4 hours per year (1 hour per report).

Total Burden Per Year for Applications: 120 hours for 15 applicants.

Total Burden Per Year for Quarterly Reports: 40 hours for ten projects.

Respondent Cost Burden Estimates (managerial level salary at \$55 per hour):

Capital or start-up costs	\$0
Cost per Respondent per application	440
Cost per Project for Quarterly Reports	220
Total Annual Cost Burden for 15 Applications	6,600
Total Annual Cost Burden for Quarterly Reports	2,200
Total Annual Cost Burden	8,800
Total Cost Burden, Two Years	17,600

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to ECR Participation Program in any correspondence.

(Authority: 20 USC Sec. 5601-5609).

Dated the 25th day of January 2002.

Christopher L. Helms,

Executive Director, Morris K. Udall Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend and Revise a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3505(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 1, 2002, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

For Additional Information or Comments: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the date collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0062.
Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: Graduate students in science, engineering, and health fields in U.S. colleges and universities, by source and mechanism of support and by demographic characteristics. An electronic/mail survey, the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering originated in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972. The survey is the academic graduate enrollment component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to

“provide” a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government” as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

The proposed project will continue the current survey cycle for three to five years. The annual Fall surveys for 2002 through 2006 will survey the universe of approximately 725 reporting units at approximately 600 institutions offering accredited graduate programs in science, engineering, or health. The survey has provided continuity of statistics on graduate school enrollment and support for graduate students in all science & engineering (S&E) and health fields, with separate data requested on demographic characteristics (race/ethnicity and gender by full-time and part-time enrollment status). Statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series *Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering*, in NSF publication *Science and Engineering Indicators, Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disability in Science and Engineering*, and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be sent primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden, NSF instituted a Web-based survey in 1998 through which institutions can enter data directly or upload preformatted files. The Web-based survey includes a complete program for editing and trend checking and allows institutions to receive their previous year's data for comparison. Respondents will be encouraged to participate in this Web-based survey should they so wish. Traditional paper questionnaires will also be available, with editing and trend checking performed as part of the survey processing. Overall burden is expected to be reduced from 2002 to 2004 due to expanded use by institutions of the Web-based data collection system.

In Fall 2000, the survey achieved a total response rate of 99.4 percent for institutions and 99.0 percent for departments.

Estimate of Burden: Burden estimates are as follows: