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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day emergency notice of information collection under review; reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired certification of compliance with the statutory eligibility requirements for tribal governments.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by April 18, 2003. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, (202) 395-7860, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Cathy Poston, Attorney/Advisor, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington DC 20531, or facsimile at (202) 305-2589.

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 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:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Certification of Compliance with the Statutory Eligibility Requirements for Tribal Governments.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The Office of Management and Budget Number for the certification form is 1121/186. The Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice is sponsoring the collection.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: The affected public includes the approximately 100 grantees under the STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program. The STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grants are designed to develop and strengthen tribal law enforcement and prosecutorial strategies to combat violent crimes against Indian women, as well as develop and strengthen victim services. The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 required that 4 percent of the amount appropriated each year for grants to combat violent crimes against women be made available for grants to Indian tribal governments. The Violence Against Women Act of 2000 increased this amount to 5 percent.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that it will take the approximately 100 grantees under the STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program less than one hour to complete the certification form.

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

hour burden to complete the certification form is less than 100 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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