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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and briefing.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 8; 9 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 11 Meeting
- III. Management and Operations
 - Transition Issues
- IV. Adjourn Meeting

Briefing Agenda

Topic: Religious Discrimination in Prisons

- I. Introductory Remarks by Chairman
- II. Speakers' Presentations
- III. Questions by Commissioners and Staff Director
- IV. Adjourn Briefing

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Sock-Foon MacDougall, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8582.

Dated: January 29, 2008.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 080123079-8081-01]

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Notice of Funding Availability for Postsecondary Internship Program

AGENCY: Office of Human Resources Management, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC) established a postsecondary internship program to aid and promote experiential training activities which foster future employment opportunities within DOC and the Federal

Government in general. United States citizens enrolled as students in post-secondary accredited educational institutions, i.e., community college, undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, and professional institutions will participate in onsite work experiences in DOC bureaus and offices in order to: integrate academic theory and workplace requirements, gain relevant skills and knowledge, explore federal career options, develop professional networks, and develop a greater awareness of the role of federal agencies. The program will be administered through a partnership between DOC and nonprofit and/or educational institution(s) of higher education and funded by cooperative agreement(s).

The DOC will serve as host for the student interns and provide program support through the financial assistance award. There will be no employer-employee relationship between DOC and its hosted interns. The nonprofit and/or educational institution will be the supervisor of record for the intern and shall control the means and manner of the interns' activities. This notice solicits proposals from eligible institutions that desire to collaborate with the DOC on this initiative.

DATES: Proposals must be received through Grants.gov no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, March 3, 2008. If applicants submit through surface mail, proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST, March 3, 2008. For proposals submitted through Grants.gov, a date and time receipt indication by Grants.gov will be the basis of determining timeliness. Hard copy applications delivered by mail will be date and time stamped when they are received. Applications received after that time will not be reviewed or considered. Applications or portions of applications will not be accepted by email or via facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this request for proposals, please note the website below listed under "Electronic Access." For a paper copy of the FFO, announcement contact Adam Santo, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5204, Washington DC 20230, or via e-Mail at asanto@doc.gov, or via telephone at (202) 482-4286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: Applicants are advised to carefully read the FFO announcement for a detailed description

of program information and application requirements. The FFO for the Postsecondary Internship Program is available via the Internet at: <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Availability: Projections based upon previous experience indicate an average availability of between \$300,000-\$1,000,000 to support from 25 up to about 100 interns. However, the exact level of funding available is not yet known until DOC and other agency host offices project their participation levels. Actual awards may differ from these estimates. Funding for the program listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal year 2008 appropriations under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161).

Statutory Authority: Authority for the Postsecondary Internship Program is provided by 5 U.S.C. 7201, which requires that each Executive agency conduct a continuing program for the recruitment of members of minorities to address under representation of minorities in various categories of federal employment. Executive Order 13256 provides for Executive departments to enter into, among other things, cooperative agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to further the goals of the Executive Order, principally that of strengthening the capacity of HBCUs to provide quality education, and to increase opportunities to participate in and benefit from federal programs. Executive Order 13230 calls for increasing opportunities for Hispanic Americans to participate in and benefit from federal education programs. Executive Order 13270 helps ensure that greater federal resources are available to the tribal colleges. Executive Order 13216 directs federal agencies to increase participation of Asian and Pacific Islanders in federal programs. Applications will be accepted from any eligible institution, and applications for internships shall be accepted from all students meeting program eligibility criteria. Application, referral and selection processes shall be conducted without any consideration of race, ethnicity, gender, or other personal factors.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.702-Internship Program for Postsecondary Students

Eligibility: Accredited universities, colleges and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Eligible institutions may form joint ventures to submit a joint application to share costs and administration roles and