

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Office of Justice Programs**

[OJP (OJP) Docket No. 1476]

**Hearing of the Review Panel on Prison Rape****AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) announces the second and third hearings of the Review Panel on Prison Rape (Panel), which will be held in Washington, DC, on March 11–14, 2008, and in Houston, Texas on March 27–28, 2008. The hearing times and location are noted below. The purpose of the hearings is to assist the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in identifying common characteristics of victims and perpetrators of prison rape, and prison systems with the highest and lowest incidence of prison rape. On December 16, 2007, BJS issued the report *Sexual Victimization in State and Federal Prisons Reported by Inmates, 2007*. The report presents data from the National Inmate Survey, 2007 conducted in 146 state and federal prisons. The report provides a listing of state and federal prisons ranked according to the incidence of prison rape as required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. The Panel is required to conduct separate public hearings on the operations of the three prisons with the highest incidence of prison rape and the two prisons with the lowest incidence of prison rape.

**DATES:** The hearing schedule is as follows:

1. Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Washington, DC (facilities with lowest incidences of sexual victimization): Ironwood State Prison, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Schuylkill Federal Correctional Institution, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

2. Wednesday-Friday, March 12–14, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Washington, DC (facilities with highest incidences of sexual victimization): Charlotte Correctional Institution, Florida Department of Corrections; Rockville Correctional Institution, Indiana Department of Corrections; and Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, Nebraska Department of Corrections.

3. Thursday-Friday, March 27–28, 2008, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday in Houston, Texas (facilities with highest incidences of sexual victimization): Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Estelle,

Clements, Coffield, Allred, and Mountain View Units.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings on March 11–14, 2008 will take place in Washington, DC at the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Main Conference Room, Third Floor, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. The hearings on March 27–28, 2008 will take place at the T. Gerald Treece Courtroom located at the South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas 77002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen M. Severens, Designated Federal Official, OJP, [Kathleen.Severens@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Severens@usdoj.gov), or (202) 307–0690 [Note: This is not a toll-free number.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Panel, which was established pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, Public Law 108–79, 117 Stat. 972 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 15601–15609 (2006)), will hold its next hearings to carry out the review functions specified at 42 U.S.C. 15603(b)(3)(A). Testimony from the hearings will assist the Panel in formulating best practices for deterring prison rape.

Members of the public who wish to attend the hearings must present photo identification upon entrance to the Office of Justice Programs. Space is limited. Special needs requests should be made to Kathleen M. Severens, Designated Federal Official, OJP, [Kathleen.Severens@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Severens@usdoj.gov) or 202–307–0690, at least one week prior to the hearings. Updated information about the hearings will be available on the Panel's Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reviewpanel/>.

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**BILLING CODE 4410–18–P****DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Energy Industry and Construction and Skilled Trades in the Energy Industry; Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) SGA–DFA–PY–07–07; Amendment Number 1****AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.**ACTION:** Amendment.**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration published a

document in the **Federal Register** of January 23, 2008, announcing the availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications for the Energy Industry and Construction and Skilled Trades in the Energy Industry. This amendment will make changes to the January 23 document by clarifying and correcting this Solicitation.

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**Amendment**

In the **Federal Register** of January 23, 2008, in FR Volume 73, Number 15, the solicitation is hereby amended with the following:

1. This amendment is to clarify and answer questions raised about the definition of a region. On page 4001, Part I.3.A, Strategic Regional Partnerships, at the end of the first full paragraph, add the following text: Economic regions do not typically correspond to geographic or political jurisdictions such as municipal boundaries or state, county, or local workforce investment areas. Thus, partners should develop an understanding of the identified industry or industry sector that is within a state or across state borders. More information about the WIRED strategic framework can be found at: <http://www.doleta.gov/WIRED>.

2. On page 4008, Part V.1.C., the Strategies and Solutions for Addressing Industry-Identified Workforce Challenges section, delete the following text: The proposed project will address one or more workforce challenges identified by the energy industry and/or skilled trade occupations related to energy through the HGJTI, as discussed in Part I.a of this SGA (2 points). Add the following text: The proposed project will address one or more workforce challenges identified by the energy industry and/or skilled trade occupations related to energy through the HGJTI, as discussed in Part I.2 of this SGA (2 points).

3. On page 4003, Part I.3.E. Clear and Specific Outcomes, delete the following text: The common measures for adults include: (1) Entered employment, (2) job retention, and (3) average earnings increase. Add the following text: The common measures for adults include: (1) Entered employment, (2) job retention, and (3) average earnings.

4. This amendment is to address a question asked during the Prospective Applicant Conference webinar on February 1, 2008. For the purposes of this SGA, youth aged 16 and above are eligible to be served under this grant.