Proposed Action

The BOP is facing increased bedspace shortages throughout the federal prison system. Over the past decade, a significant influx of inmates has entered the federal prison system with a large portion of this influx originating from the north central region of the United States. In response, the BOP has committed significant resources to identifying and developing sites for new federal correctional facilities within this region including development of facilities in Florence, Colorado; Terre Haute, Indiana; Greenville, Illinois; and Waseca, Minnesota. Even with the development of new and expanded facilities, projections show the federal inmate population continuing to increase, placing additional demands for bedspace within the BOP’s North Central Region.

In response, the BOP has undertaken preliminary investigations in an effort to identify prospective sites capable of accommodating federal correctional facilities and communities willing to host such facilities. Through this process, the BOP has identified potential locations for development of new federal correctional facilities and several sites are under active consideration. These potential sites were subjected to initial studies by the BOP and those considered suitable for correctional facility development will be evaluated further by the BOP in a DEIS that will analyze the potential impacts of facility construction and operation.

The Process

The process of evaluating the potential environmental impacts associated with federal correctional facility development and operation involves the analysis of many factors and features including, but not limited to: Topography, geology, soils, hydrology, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, visual and aesthetics features, fiscal considerations, population/housing characteristics, community services and facilities, land uses, utility services, transportation systems, meteorological conditions, air quality, and noise.

Alternatives

In developing the DEIS, the No Action alternative, other actions considered and eliminated, and alternative development areas for the proposed Federal Correctional Institution and Federal Prison Camp will be examined. The areas examined will consist of BOP-owned property contiguous to the existing Leavenworth Institution and will be further defined in the EIS process.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. A Public Scoping Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., January 20, 2011, at the Riverfront Community Center (123 S. Esplanade Street, Leavenworth, Kansas). The meeting location, date, and time will be well-publicized and have been arranged to allow for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend and formally express their views on the scope and significant issues to be studied as part of the DEIS process. The Scoping Meeting is being held to provide for timely public comments and understanding of federal plans and programs with possible environmental consequences as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Availability of DEIS

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

Contact

Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: Richard A. Cohn, Chief, or Bridgette Lyles, Site Selection Specialist, Capacity Planning and Site Selection Branch, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20534, Telephone: 202–514–6470/Facsimile: 202–616–6024/E-mail: siteselection@bop.gov.

Dated: December 17, 2010.

Richard A. Cohn,
Chief, Capacity Planning and Site Selection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under 30 CFR 5.50, each fee schedule shall remain in effect for at least one year and be subject to revision at least once every three years. MSHA's existing fee schedule, revised December 24, 2008 (73 FR 79195) became effective January 1, 2009.

Under 30 CFR 5.30(a), Part 15 fees for services provided to MSHA by other organizations may be set by those organizations. In addition, under 30 CFR 5.40, when the nature of the product requires MSHA to test and evaluate the product at a location other than on MSHA premises, MSHA is allowed to charge actual travel expenses in addition to the fees charged for evaluation and testing.

II. Fee Computation

MSHA computed the 2011 fees using FY 2010 costs for baseline data. MSHA calculated a weighted-average based on the direct and indirect costs to applicants for testing, evaluation, and approval services provided in FY 2010. From this average, MSHA computed a single hourly rate, which applies uniformly to all applications.

As a result of this process, MSHA has determined that as of January 1, 2011, the fee will be $97 per hour for services provided.

III. Applicable Fee

Applications postmarked before January 1, 2011: MSHA will process these applications under the 2009 hourly rate of $90.

Applications postmarked on or after January 1, 2011: MSHA will process these applications under the 2011 hourly rate of $97. This information is available on MSHA's Web site at http://www.msha.gov.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

Division of Federal Employees’ Compensation; Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Claim for Continuance of Compensation (CA–12). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before February 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Vincent Alvarez, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S–3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–0372, fax (202) 693–1378, e-mail Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs administers the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. 8133. Under the Act, eligible dependents of deceased employees receive compensation benefits on account of the employee’s death. OWCP has to monitor death benefits for current marital status, potential for dual benefits, and other criteria for qualifying as a dependent under the law. The CA–12 is sent annually to beneficiaries in death cases to ensure that their status has not changed and that they remain entitled to benefits. The information collected is used by OWCP claims examiners to ensure that death benefits being paid are correct, and that payments are not made to ineligible survivors. This information collection is currently approved for use through May 31, 2011.

II. Review Focus: The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

• 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;

• 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;

• Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions: The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information collection in order to ensure that death benefits being paid are correct.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.
Title: Claim for Continuance of Compensation.
OMB Number: 1240–0015.

Agency Number: CA–12.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.
Total Respondents: 4,570.
Total Annual Responses: 4,570.
Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 379.
Frequency: Annually.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): $2,011.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Vincent Alvarez,
Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 10–17]

Notice of Quarterly Report (July 1, 2010–September 30, 2010)

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SUMMARY: The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is reporting for the quarter July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, on assistance provided under section 605 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), as amended (the Act), and on transfers or allocations of funds to other federal agencies under section 619(b) of the Act. The following report will be made available to the public by publication in the Federal Register and on the Internet Web site of the MCC (http://www.mcc.gov) in accordance with section 612(b) of the Act.

T. Charles Cooper,
Vice President, Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation.