DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

[OJP (OJP) Docket No. 1543]

Meeting of the Office of Justice Programs’ Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This is an announcement of the first meeting of OJP’s Science Advisory Board (“Board”). The Board is chartered to provide OJP, a component of the Department of Justice, with valuable advice in the areas of social science and statistics for the purpose of enhancing the overall impact and performance of its programs and activities in criminal and juvenile justice. The Board will provide input into developing long-range plans, advise on program development, and provide guidance to ensure adherence to the highest levels of scientific rigor, as appropriate. The Board will provide an important base of contact with the criminal justice academic and practitioner communities.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Friday, January 28, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at OJP’s offices at 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene Beckman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20531; Phone: (202) 616–5352 [Note: this is not a toll-free number]; E-mail: marlene.beckman@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This inaugural meeting is being convened to briefly the Board members about OJP’s mission and goals, and discuss how their advice in the areas of social science and statistics can enhance the overall impact and performance of OJP’s activities and programs in criminal and juvenile justice. The final agenda is subject to adjustment, but it is anticipated that there will be a morning and afternoon session, with a break for lunch. The morning session will likely include welcoming remarks and introductions, a review of the Board’s Charter and By-Laws, a review of ethics rules applicable to the Board’s activities, and briefings from OJP bureaus and programs. The afternoon session will likely include a briefing on OJP’s Evidence Integration Initiative and a discussion of the Board’s role and priorities.

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend this meeting must register with Marlene Beckman at the above address at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Registrations will be accepted on a space available basis. Access to the meeting will not be allowed without registration. Please bring photo identification and allow extra time prior to the meeting. Persons interested in communicating with the Board should submit their written comments to the DFO, as the time available will not allow the public to directly address the Board at the meeting. Anyone requiring special accommodations should notify Ms. Beckman at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Dated: January 5, 2011.

Marlene Beckman,
Counsel and SAB DFO, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

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Office for Victims of Crime

[OMB Number 1121–0114]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Victims of Crime Act, Victim Compensation Grant Program, State Performance Report.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register Volume 75, Number 210 page 67116 on November 1, 2010, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until February 10, 2011. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—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 agencies 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 submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Victims of Crime Act, Victim Compensation Grant Program, State Performance Report.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: Form Number: 1121–0114. Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State Government. The form is used by State Government to submit Annual Performance Report data about claims for victim compensation.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 53 respondents will complete the form within 2 hours.