

Second Determination: Fostering Competition

Elimination of the speculative nature of LSI value by using the proposed LSI formula is also considered necessary to foster competition for the new contract by providing a reasonable opportunity for the concessioner to make a profit under the new contract. This is because prospective concessioners will know with a high degree of certainty (subject only to estimates of the value of any new capital improvements constructed or installed during the term of the contract) how much money they will be paid for initial LSI upon the expiration of the new contract. The proposed LSI formula eliminates speculation regarding CPI and depreciation required under the standard LSI formula. The resulting lower risk and greater certainty in the business opportunity provides the concessioner a reasonable opportunity for profit under the terms of the new contract. It should also encourage businesses to apply for the new contract, thereby fostering competition.

Private firms not familiar with the NPS concession program have indicated that the complexities and uncertainty of the standard LSI formula have deterred them from submitting offers for concessions. We believe that using the proposed alternative LSI formula in the new contract will foster competition by providing interested entities with a reasonable opportunity for profit that, with respect to LSI, is assured, understandable, and more comparable to practices in the private sector.

In addition, the estimated lower LSI payment under the alternative formula (as opposed to a higher estimated value provided by the standard LSI formula) allows us to charge a lower minimum franchise fee. This will ensure the concessioner greater cash flows during the term of the contract, in contrast to the standard LSI formula's higher (and uncertain) LSI payment at the expiration of the contract. Since many prospective concessioners likely will prefer the higher cash flows throughout the contract term under the proposed LSI formula, the alternative formula should foster competition for the new contract.

The proposed LSI formula also will enhance competition for the concession contract that will succeed the new contract. This is because the final value of the contract's LSI should be significantly lower than it would be under the standard LSI formula, thereby lowering the amount of LSI purchase money needed by a prospective new concessioner. This lower entry cost should encourage competitive proposals from prospective concessioners.

The proposed LSI formula should not materially affect the new concessioner's projected rate of return under the new contract. This is because, in developing the new contract's minimum franchise fee, we assessed projected revenues and expenses and used industry standards to estimate a fair return to the new concessioner. This estimate includes the cost of acquiring existing LSI.

The minimum franchise fee in the new contract, thus, reflects the financial consequences of the proposed LSI formula. This means that the estimated fair return to the new concessioner would be approximately the same whether the new contract included the standard LSI formula or the proposed LSI formula (taking into account the time value of money). The proposed LSI formula will not materially change the projected fair return to the new concessioner, but will reduce the speculative nature of LSI value under the standard formula. With respect to the rate of return, the impact of the use of the proposed LSI formula is neutral and not adverse to the requirement of fostering competition.

Elective Franchise Fee Reduction/LSI Buy Down Provision

The NPS also points out that it intends to include an elective franchise fee reduction/LSI buy down provision in the terms of the prospectus for YELL007-13. If the selected offeror elects to accept this provision, it will be included in the new contract. If elected, the provision would (i) reduce the franchise fee otherwise proposed by the successful offeror (which original proposed fee cannot be less than the minimum Franchise Fee set forth in the prospectus) by two and one-half percent (2.5%), and, (ii) apply to the ending LSI value under the terms of the contract an amount equal to the difference between the dollar amounts that would have been produced under the original offered franchise fee and the dollar amounts produced under the reduced franchise fee. For example, if the franchise fee offered by the successful offeror (if it elected this provision) is 7.5% of gross receipts, the franchise fee to be included in the new contract would be 5% of gross receipts (7.5 - 2.5 = 5). Upon the expiration (or earlier termination) of the contract, an amount equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the cumulative gross receipts under the contract will be deducted from the ending LSI value of the LSI Improvements.

NPS believes that an offeror may consider that it would be in its best interest to elect to accept the elective franchise fee reduction/LSI buy down

provision because of the significantly higher cash flows the provision would provide the offeror during the term of the new contract.

However, the NPS will not consider the offeror's choice as to whether or not to include this provision in the contract in evaluating its proposal.

Public Availability of Further Information

Complete details and further explanation of the proposed LSI formula will be in the proposed prospectus for the new contract that (is/will be) publically available at http://www.nps.gov/commercial_services. We will provide notice of the availability of the prospectus in *FedBizOpp.gov*. If consideration of public comments in response to this notice causes us to alter the proposed alternative LSI formula, we will amend the prospectus accordingly (and publish a notice of such amendment in *FedBizOpp.gov*) before the deadline for submission of proposals.

We invite your comments and will consider all comments that we receive by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested: Semi-Annual Progress Report for Education, Training and Enhanced Services To End Violence Against and Abuse of Women With Disabilities Grant Program

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review.

The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 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 77, Number 53, page 16065, on March 19, 2012, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until June 21, 2012. 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) 395-7285.

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:

(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 Collection

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Semi-Annual Progress Report for Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program (Disability Grant Program).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: 1122-0012. U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* The affected public includes the approximately 18 grantees of the Disability Grant Program. Grantees include states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations and non-governmental private organizations. The goal of this program is to build the capacity of such jurisdictions to address such violence against individuals with disabilities through the creation of multi-disciplinary teams. Disability Grant Program recipients will provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities and enhance direct services to such individuals.

(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 18 respondents (Disability Program grantees) approximately one hour to complete a semi-annual progress report. The semi-annual progress report is divided into sections that pertain to the different types of activities in which grantees may engage. A Disability Program grantee will only be required to complete the sections of the form that pertain to its own specific activities.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual hour burden to complete the data collection forms is 36 hours, that is 18 grantees completing a form twice a year with an estimated completion time for the form being one hour.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, 145 N Street NE., Room 2E-508, Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested: Semi-Annual Progress Report for Enhanced Training and Services To End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review.

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