

and/or Scientific Purposes pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952.

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 357, if any, and the applicable component of the *Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit.

Title 21, Section 1312.11 of the Code of Federal Regulations promulgated under the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act, 21 U.S.C. 951, et seq., requires that any registrant who desires to import into the United States any Schedule I or II controlled substance, any Schedule III, IV or V narcotic controlled substance, or any specifically designated Schedule III non-narcotic controlled substance must have an import permit. In order to obtain the permit, an application for permit must be made to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on DEA Form 357.

5. An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 237 respondents at 1 response per year at 15 minutes per response.

6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 59.25 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,
Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 1998 National Study of DNA Laboratories

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; New collection.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 18, 1998. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and effected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. 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 agencies 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.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Greg Steadman, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20531, or via facsimile (202) 307-5846.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of information collection: New collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection: 1998 National Study of DNA Laboratories.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: Form number CLAB-1. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State, Local or Tribal Government Other: None.

This information collection is a census of public crime laboratories that perform DNA analysis. The information will provide statistics on laboratories' capacity to analyze DNA evidence, the number and sources of DNA evidence received per year, the number, types, and costs of analyses completed. It will also identify the capacities of states to participate in a national DNA database.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time

estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: 160 respondents each taking an average 0.75 hours to respond.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 120 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research 1998

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business June 16, 1998 and December 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is accepting research and development proposals through its 1998 Investigator-Initiated Solicitation. The most flexible

of the Institute's funding opportunities, the Investigator-Initiated Solicitation invites applicants to submit proposals that will help NIJ address general themes related to criminal justice. While the solicitation offers examples of general areas of interest, research themes and topic areas are to be constructed by the applicant. In this way, investigator-initiated research and development proposals differ from those defined in directed solicitations.

Funding levels for the Investigator-Initiated Solicitation generally range from \$25,000 to \$300,000 and the Institute promotes research collaborations with other Federal agencies and private foundations. Both small grant applications (requests for less than \$50,000) and other grant applications (requests for \$50,000 or more) will be considered.

NIJ is firmly committed to the competitive process for awarding grants. All proposals are subjected to an independent, peer-review panel evaluation. Panel members possess academic, practitioner, technical, and operational expertise in the proposed subject areas. The solicitation welcomes proposals from applicants representing both the social sciences and the physical sciences.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research, 1998" (refer to document no. SL000240). For World Wide Web access, connect to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed consolidation and renewal of Job Corps applicant forms. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 18, 1998.

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.

ADDRESSES: June P. Veach, Office of Job Corps, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room N-4507, Washington, D.C. 20210. E-Mail Internet Address: Veachj@doleta.gov; Telephone number: (202) 219-5556 (This is not a toll-free number); Fax number: (202) 219-5183 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Job Corps program is designed to serve disadvantaged young women and men, 16 through 24, who are in need of additional vocational, educational and social skills training, and other support services in order to gain meaningful employment, return to school or enter the Armed Forces. Authorized by the

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Job Corps is operated by the Department of Labor through a nationwide network of 115 Job Corps centers. The program is primarily a residential program operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with non-resident enrollees limited by legislation to 20 percent of national enrollment. These centers presently accommodate more than 40,000 students. To ensure that the centers are filled with youth who are disadvantaged as well as capable of and committed to doing the work necessary to achieve the benefits of Job Corps, certain eligibility requirements have been established by the legislation.

The purpose of this collection is to gather information from applicants to the program in order to determine their eligibility for Job Corps. These forms are critical to the screening process. They are the initial forms completed by the Job Corps admissions counselors for each applicant.

The ETA 652, Job Corps Data Sheet, is used to obtain information for screening and enrollment purposes to determine eligibility for the Job Corps program in accordance with Title IV-B of the Job Training Partnership Act. It is prepared electronically by the admissions counselor for each applicant. It also provides demographic characteristics for program reporting purposes. Data for the form are collected by interview. The information collected determines eligibility in regard to age, legal U.S. residency, family income/welfare status, school status, behavioral problems (if any), parental consent, and child care needs of each applicant.

The ETA 655, Statement from Courts or Other Agencies, and ETA 655A, Statement from Institution, collect essential information for determining an applicant's eligibility. They are used to document past behavior problems for all applicants, as well as provide a basis for projecting future behavior. If this information were not obtained, serious problems could result from enrolling potentially dangerous individuals in Job Corps, which is a residential program. This could have legal implications for the Federal government.

The ETA 682, Child Care Certification, is used to certify an applicant's arrangements for care of a dependent child(ren) while the applicant is in Job Corps.

II. Current Actions

The following Job Corps application forms have expired. It was anticipated that the change to electronic collection would be completed much more quickly than has happened. The final version was not completed until January 1998.