

(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. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the COPS Office, PPSE Division, 1100 Vermont Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20530-0001.

Comments also may be submitted to the COPS Office via facsimile to 202-633-1386. In addition, comments may be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Grantee Satisfaction Survey.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: COPS 27/01. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* A sample of local law enforcement agencies that have received grant funding from the COPS Office will be surveyed regarding their perceptions and satisfaction with service received from the COPS Office.

The COPS Office has awarded hiring and redeployment grants, innovative grants, and training grants to over 10,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide. In addition to providing essential funding to enhance public safety and further the adoption of community policing by law enforcement agencies across the country, the COPS Office continues to strive to maintain a customer service orientation toward grant recipients. As such, the COPS Office is committed to providing grantees with ongoing service that reflects the highest standard of excellence and integrity in public

service. The COPS Office is seeking systematic feedback from COPS grantees to track the Office's performance on a number of performance measures. This survey will allow the COPS Office to set performance goals that are consistent with the level of service that is desired by the law enforcement field and to adjust its provision of customer service as necessary to better serve its grantees.

The Grantee Satisfaction Survey will be administered to a sample of grantees via the telephone and will yield information on: the extent and content of contact between grantees and representatives of the COPS office either through phone calls, written correspondence, or site visits; satisfaction with these contacts as rated on a Likert-type scale; exposure to and satisfaction with COPS funded community policing training; and availability of and satisfaction with community policing publications produced by the COPS Office. These questions will allow the COPS Office to determine levels of satisfaction with service and will illuminate areas where the COPS Office can improve.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The Grantee Satisfaction Survey will be administered two times per year: Approximately 2,600 respondents per year, at 30 minutes per respondent (including record-keeping).

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Approximately 1,300 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: July 1, 1998.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1998 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the

Visiting Fellowship Program designed to support training, technical assistance, research, program development and policy analysis to contribute to the use and enhancement of community policing to address crime and related problems in communities across the country.

The Visiting Fellowship Program is intended to offer researchers, law enforcement professionals, community leaders, and legal experts an opportunity to undertake independent research, problem development activities, and policy analysis designed to accomplish one or more of the following: improve police-citizen cooperation and communication; enhance police relationships with other components of the criminal justice system, as well as at all levels of local government; increase police and citizens' ability to solve community problems; facilitate the restructuring of law enforcement agencies to allow the most effective use of departmental and community resources; promote the effective flow and use of information both within and outside an agency; and improve law enforcement responsiveness to members of the community.

Visiting fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. While in residence, fellows will contribute to the development of community policing programs that are national in scope.

**DATES:** The application deadline is August 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. The Visiting Fellowship Program application and information on the COPS Office also are available on the Internet via the COPS web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Overview

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has been charged with the implementation of the Public Safety Partnerships and Community Policing Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322). Under this law, the COPS Office provides grants, cooperative agreements, and technical assistance to increase police presence, improve police and community partnerships designed to address crime and disorder,

and enhance public safety. The Visiting Fellowship Program, which complements the COPS Office's efforts to add 100,000 officers to our nation's streets and support the development of innovative community policing strategies, is one of a wide variety of policing programs supported under this law.

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Visiting Fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellows and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. While in residence, Fellows will contribute to the development of community policing programs that are national in scope.

Two types of fellowships are available: (1) Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships and (2) Program/Policy Support and Evaluation Fellowships. Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. Fellows will work to broaden their knowledge of a training area that is directly related to community policing. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of a particular training expertise that supports community policing. Fellows will deliver this expertise innovatively as well as provide technical assistance to others.

Program/Policy Support and Evaluation Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in scholarly research activities to assess the effectiveness of community policing

approaches and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of program, policy and evaluation issues that support community policing. This work will be shared with policy makers and practitioners through a variety of forums.

Grants or cooperative agreements under the Visiting Fellowship Program may support salary, fringe benefits, travel essential to the project, and miscellaneous supplies or equipment in support of the project. Reasonable relocation expenses and the cost of temporary housing also may be permitted in cases of relocation from a Fellow's permanent address.

Under the Visiting Fellowship Program, the COPS Office may award grants or enter into cooperative agreements with individuals, public agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofit organizations, and profit-making organizations willing to waive their fees.

Receiving a grant or cooperative agreement under the Visiting Fellowship Program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under other COPS programs.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

**Joseph E. Brann,**  
Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree ("decree") in *United States of America v. Bell Atlantic—Virginia, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:98 CV 372 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In this action, the United States sought recovery of costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in response to the release and threat of release of hazardous substances at the C&R Battery site in Chesterfield County, Virginia. The decree requires seventeen parties who arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at the C&R Battery site to reimburse the United States a total of \$591,285.82.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Bell Atlantic—Virginia, Inc., et al.*, D.J. Ref. #90-11-2-692/1.

The decree may be examined at the Offices of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, 600 East Main Street, Suite 600, Richmond, Virginia 23219, at U.S. EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$28.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits and defendants' signatures, please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

**Joel M. Gross,**

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,  
Environment and Natural Resources Division.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a Partial Consent Decree in *United States of America v. Calderon, et al.*, No. 96-2451 RLA (D. Puerto Rico), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico on June 10, 1998.

The proposed Partial Consent Decree would resolve the United States' allegations in this enforcement action against Defendant Construcciones Carro, the contractor who filled approximately .5 acres of herbaceous wetlands in Mayaguez Puerto Rico, without a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1344.

The proposed Partial Consent Decree would require Defendant Carro to: (1) restore wetlands for the wetland areas impacted by the illegal discharges; and (2) pay a \$10,000 civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to the