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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

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Corrections Program Office; Solicitation for Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Program Technical Assistance and Training

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs,
Corrections Program Office, Justice.

ACTION: To solicit applications for an organization(s) to develop and deliver training and/or provide technical assistance related to the implementation, administration, or impact of the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Program (VOI/TIS), which was authorized by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended.

SUMMARY: The Office of Justice Programs, Corrections Program Office (CPO) is soliciting proposals to establish a VOI/TIS Training and Technical Assistance Program. Applicants may apply for funding to perform functions described under Component 1: Training Curriculum Development and Delivery, Component 2: Technical Assistance, or both. Applicants may also apply for funding to implement the training and/or technical assistance program in one or a limited number of the defined topic areas. Eligible applicants include public, private non-profit, and for-profit organizations (for-profit organizations must waive their profit) that have an understanding of sentencing and corrections related issues and experience developing and delivering training and/or providing technical assistance to State and local agencies.

Component 1: Development and Delivery of Training. CPO plans to expand its training offerings to include a broader range of topics related to the VOI/TIS program. The applicant will be expected to develop a curriculum for each topic and to deliver training to State and tribal policy makers and adult and juvenile correctional agencies. Some of the training will be provided

onsite at a location provided by the requesting agency and will be tailored to the needs of that agency, while other programs will be provided on a regional basis or in a central location. The applicant may apply to develop training on all, one, or several of the following topics:

- Managing long-term offenders
 - Managing violent offenders
 - Managing the supermax facility
 - Staffing issues related to such issues as managing crowded facilities, more violent offenders, and/or inmates with very long or life sentences
 - Managing prison climates (race/ethnicity, staff sensitivity, etc.)
 - Effective use of needs and risk assessments
 - Implementing drug testing, sanctions, and treatment programs
 - Reducing the flow of drugs and other contraband into correctional facilities
 - Cognitive restructuring
 - Cross-discipline team building
 - Relapse prevention
 - Case management
 - Treating offenders with co-occurring disorders
 - Transition planning and aftercare to assist inmates with reintegration into the community
 - Health issues and geriatric inmates
 - Addressing victims rights and related issues in corrections
 - Management of violent youth tried as adults
 - Management of female populations
 - Developing and managing RFPs, contracts, and monitoring systems related to private prisons
 - Using data to make management and program decisions
 - Tribal justice/corrections
- Component 2: Technical Assistance.** Assistance will be made available, under this cooperative agreement, to State and tribal policy makers and representatives from adult and juvenile corrections agencies to assist them in addressing issues related to the following topics:
- Sentencing reform
 - Offender management
 - Facility design, space management, and overcrowding
 - Budgetary implications of the VOI/TIS program
 - Geriatric prisoners and prisoners with medical conditions
 - Crime victims' rights
 - Privatization
 - Drug control, testing, sanctions, and treatment
 - Tribal justice and corrections

DATES: Applications must be received by the Corrections Program Office no

later than close of business on September 15, 1998.

ADDRESS: Corrections Program Office,
810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC
20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN
A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION:** Log into the
CPO Website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cpo> or contact
Donna Bownes, Chief, Technical
Assistance and Conference Branch,
Corrections Program Office, at (800)
848-6325 extension 69618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended, 42 U.S.C 13701-9 and 42 U.S.C. 13911.

Background.

The Corrections Program Office (CPO) is responsible for administration of the following corrections-related grant programs authorized by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended:

- Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Program (VOI/TIS)

—Formula Grants

—Discretionary Grants to Build Jail
Facilities on Tribal Lands

- Residential Substance Abuse
Treatment for State Prisoners

- Prevention, Diagnosis, and
Treatment of Tuberculosis in
Correctional Institutions

The solicitation addresses training and technical assistance for the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Program (VOI/TIS). It describes these programs, outlines the scope of work and tasks to be performed, describes the administrative and application requirements, and provides the forms needed to prepare an application. One or several awards totaling up to \$2.4 million (\$1.4 million for the training component and \$1 million for technical assistance component) will be issued as a cooperative agreement. The duration will be for one year, with supplemental awards made annually, or as needed, for up to a total of four additional years, based on the recipient's performance, program needs, and the availability of funds. The recipient will be expected to work in close partnership with CPO and other Department of Justice personnel to define and address the needs for assistance by State and local jurisdictions.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-98-34]

Presence Sensing Device Initiation (PSDI) (29 CFR 1910.217(h); Information Collection Requirements

ACTION: Notice; Opportunity for Public Comment.

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 (PRA-95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Presence Sensing Device Initiation (29 CFR 1910.217(h)). The Agency 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 use;
- 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-98-34, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-8061. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 219-8061, extension 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Presence Sensing Device Initiation (29 CFR 1910.217(h)), contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov> and click on "Regulations and Compliance."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

The collections of information contained in PSDI are considered essential for ensuring the safety of employees using presence sensing devices. The requirement for affixing test rod instructions label to the presence sensing device—1910.217(h)(10)(i)—enhances the proper and essential device testing. Because operator safety depends on the PSDI safety system, conforming with the equipment testing and checking requirements is absolutely essential for worker safety.

The requirements for certification/validation—1910.217(h)(11)(i) through (vi), (13), and Appendices A and C—ensure that the design, installation, and ongoing maintenance of the safety system is objectively evaluated for conformance with all applicable requirements of the section. The section further requires notification of unplanned incidents such as component failures and accidents which could impair the continuing safety of the system. For employees, employers, OSHA compliance and consultation personnel, insurance authorities, and others involved to be able to recognize easily that the system meets OSHA standards, the press must be labeled to affirm validation/certification. Submitting copies of accident reports to the validation organization is necessary to assure that the validation organization will have knowledge of field experience in this mode of press operation and will be able to incorporate any lessons learned from the accidents into the certification/validation program provisions.

Because this rule permits a mode of operation which previously was prohibited, OSHA believes it is especially essential to verify that this method does not compromise worker safety. The certification/validation program provides a method to ensure that the press and related equipment are properly arranged and that the installation does not become degraded over time. It should be noted that although OSHA uses the term "certification" for this process, it should not be confused with the use of the word as addressed in the OMB implementing regulations for the Paperwork Reduction Act, to reflect a minimal information collection method. The word "certification" in this rulemaking is based on the American National Standard ANSI Z31.1. 1-1987, and is nationally recognized as describing a broad, comprehensive, well-defined program for ensuring product or material conformance with established standards.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests public comment on OSHA's burden hour estimates before OSHA seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Presence Sensing Device Initiation (PSDI) standard.

OSHA has calculated the burden for this collection of information at 30,615 burden hours. OSHA believes this amount may be even lower because many employers do not use PSDI. In