

**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 soliciting proposals for an evaluation of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative. The Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative, a collaboration between NIJ and the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO), is a program designed to reduce domestic violence through enhanced judicial oversight, victim safety, and offender accountability. This solicitation calls for a single evaluation to measure the added value resulting from the changes and enhancements made at each of the demonstration sites.

The evaluation will consist of four phases—Methodological Refinement and Baseline Data Collection, Formative Evaluation, Process Evaluation, and Outcome/Impact Evaluation.

This solicitation makes \$500,000 available for the first stage of the multi-site evaluation. Up to \$2.5 million is anticipated for the entire multi-year evaluation expected to extend to five years.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Evaluation of a Multi-site Demonstration for Enhanced Judicial Oversight of Domestic Violence Cases" (refer to document no. SL000357). 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 JUSTICE**

**National Institute of Justice**

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**Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Research on Violence Against Indian Women**

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Research on Violence Against Indian Women."

**DATES:** Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business, Friday, July 9, 1999.

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**Background**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office (VAWO), is soliciting proposals for research on violence against women issues among Native Americans. Grants will be awarded in conjunction with the S.T.O.P. (Services/Training/Officers/Prosecutors) Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program.

Recommended study areas include, but are not limited to: Instrumentation development for measuring prevalence and incidence rates of violence against Indian women with and understanding and sensitivity to Native cultures; enforcing the provisions of the VAWA in Tribal Courts; factors affecting the safety of Indian women in Public Law 280 States; effectiveness of batterer reeducation; level of shelter services provided; patterns of abuse; and the impact of domestic violence training on tribal response to violence.

NIJ encourages both qualitative and quantitative research proposals. NIJ has allocated \$450,000 for this solicitation

and anticipates awarding up to 4 grants for a period of 24 months.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Research on Violence Against Indian Women" (refer to document no. SL000359). 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>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration, Unemployment Insurance Service: Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; State Quality Service Plan**

**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 (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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the new State Quality Service Plan (SQSP), which was designed in consultation with end users, and will replace the Program Budget Plan (PBP), which has been used for more than a decade.

Guidelines for completion and submittal of the SQSP are contained in a handbook, which has been designed not to become obsolete annually, as was the case with the PBP. Fiscal year-specific information such as Federal Program Focus, or additional budget allocations, will be provided annually in an implementation memorandum that will initiate the planning process each year. The requirements of the reporting and data collection process

itself will remain unchanged from year to year.

The SQSP introduces a process which allows the State partner to provide a narrative summary of the State focus for the coming fiscal year called the State Program Narrative. In addition, the SQSP introduces a Tier I/Tier II concept for performance measures which reduces from the PBP the number of measures with the potential to require mandatory Corrective Action Plans for failure to meet criterioned measures (Tier I). At the same time, continuous program improvement is enhanced with an expanded array of measures for which program performance may be negotiated between a State and ETA (Tier II). Finally, the number of required forms has been reduced, and some replaced with formats that can be transmitted electronically. Because of its length, the SQSP Handbook is not included with the notice. Copies of the handbook may be obtained by contacting the addressee below. The handbook also is available on the Internet at <http://www.itsc.state.md.us/>.

The proposed information collection request follows.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 1999. Written comments should:

- 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 submission of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** William N. Coyne, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4522, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-219-5223, Ext. 142 (this is not a toll-free number); FAX, 202-219-8506; Internet: [wcoyne@doleta.gov](mailto:wcoyne@doleta.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The SQSP is the planning instrument for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system nationwide. The statutory basis for the SQSP is Title III of the Social Security Act, which establishes conditions for each State to receive grant funds to administer its UI program. Plans are prepared annually, since funds for UI operations are appropriated each year. ETA's annual budget request for State UI operations contains workload assumptions for which a State must plan in order for the Secretary of Labor to carry out her responsibilities under Title III. ETA issues financial planning targets based on the budget request. States make plans based on these assumptions and targets.

##### II. Current Actions

ETA proposes to replace the PBP with the State Quality Service Plan.

*Type of Review:* Revised Process.

Specifically, we propose the following:

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* SQSP Handbook.

*Record keeping:* States are required to keep records consistent with retention and access requirements at 29 CFR 97.42.

*Affected Public:* State Employment Security Agencies (SESA's).

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 53 plans.

*Average Time Per Response:* 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2098.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$61,324.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.*

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#### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

##### Sunshine Act Meeting; Change to Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 64.FR.30367, June 7, 1999.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on June 12, 1999. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

**LOCATION:** The Westin Hotel, 1672 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80202-2010.

**STATUS OF MEETING:** Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the closed session, the Corporation's General Counsel will report to the Board on litigation to which the Corporation is or may become a party, and the Board may act on the matters reported. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (10)] and the corresponding provisions of the Legal Services Corporation's implementing regulation [45 CFR § 1622.5(h)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

**CHANGES TO THE MEETING:** The following item has been added to the open session of the meeting:

7. Approval of minutes of the Board's teleconference meeting of May 27, 1999.

The remainder of the Board of Directors' agenda will be as follows:

8. Chairman's Report.
9. Members' Report.
10. President's Report.
11. Inspector General's Report.
12. Consider and act on the Board's meeting schedule, including designation of locations, for year 2000.
13. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Operations and Regulations Committee.

• Consider and act on the Committee's recommendation regarding proposed final rule, 45 CFR Part 1641, Debarment, Suspension and Removal of Recipient Auditors.

• Consider and act on the Committee's recommendation regarding final rule, 45 CFR Part 1628, Recipient Fund Balances.

• Consider and act on the Committee's recommendation regarding proposed amendment(s) to the Corporation's 403(b) Thrift Plan that are intended to increase the Corporation's employer contribution level to match the Civil Service Retirement System.

14. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Committee on Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services.

15. Report on the status of the work of the special panel established to study and report to the board on issues relating to LSC grantees' representation of legal alien workers and the requirement that they be "present in the United States."

16. Appointment of Acting Vice President of Programs.

17. Consider and act on proposed resolution ratifying the adoption of the