

Total Estimated Burden Hours:
41,385.

Status: Extension, without change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: December 27, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested.

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review: extension of a currently approved collection department initial report.

The Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget 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. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 7, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Gretchen DePasquale, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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:* Department Initial Report (DIR).

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: There is no agency form number. The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is sponsoring this information collection.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Recipients of the Funding Accelerated for Small Towns (FAST) program, the Accelerated Hiring, Education and Deployment (AHEAD) program, and/or Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grants. Other: Applicants of the current hiring grant program, UHP, or interested parties. Abstract: The DIR is a collection instrument that the COPS Office uses to establish a baseline to evaluate the progress of agencies awarded grants under the FAST, AHEAD, and UHP grant programs.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The DIR will be sent to approximately 500 grantees per year. The estimated amount of time required for the average respondent to complete and return the form is 1.5 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are 875 estimated burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management and Security Division, United States Department of Justice, 601 D Street NW., Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: December 31, 2002.

Brenda Dyer,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[SGA/DFA 03-100]

H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of procedures for grant applications for H-1B technical skills training grants.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$200 million in grant funds for skill training programs for unemployed and employed workers. These grants are financed by a user fee paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the U.S. under a new H-1B nonimmigrant visa. As part of the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program, this technical skills training program was authorized under the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended. The grants are a long-term solution to domestic skill shortages in high skill and high technology occupations. H-1B technical skills grants are focused on addressing the high skill technology shortages of American businesses; they are not intended to address labor shortages due to reasons other than technical skill shortages. Grant awards will be made only to the extent that funds are available.

Eligible applicants for these grants will be local Workforce Investment Boards (Local Boards) established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and representing a local or regional public-private partnership that is comprised of at least one Local Board, one business or business-related non-profit organization such as a trade association, and one community-based organization, higher education institution or labor union that will carry out such programs or projects through One-Stop delivery systems established under section 121 of WIA, or regional consortia of Local Boards.

This notice describes the application submission requirements, the process that eligible entities must use to apply