

Center (including all source data, standard analysis data files, and software used to produce BJS reports) and computing resources, as necessary. In addition, the recipient must provide BJS staff with daily access to the standard analysis data files (for the most recent reporting period available) in a form in which variables name and values correspond to those included in the FJSP electronic data dictionary.

6. *Provide support to the interagency Coordinating Committee on Federal Criminal Case Processing Statistics.* The recipient will work with BJS to support the efforts of the Coordinating Committee on Federal Criminal Case Processing Statistics including the production of reconciled case processing statistics, matching records across agencies' databases, identifying differences in data collection and reporting methods, and other technical assistance, as requested.

7. *Provide Internet access to the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center.* The recipient will provide direct access via the Internet to all FJSP data files (including those files prepared by prior recipients of this award) and the electronic data dictionary. In addition, the recipient will work with BJS to provide a World Wide Web-accessible query system for the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center. The recipient must provide Internet users with the capability of performing queries of the FJSP data bases in order to extract basic information describing individuals processed in the Federal criminal justice system. Users should be able to disaggregate these data by Federal judicial district.

Award Procedures

Proposals should describe, in appropriate detail, the procedures to be undertaken in furtherance of each of the activities described under the **Scope of Work**. Information provided should focus on activities to be conducted during the initial 12-month period but should also include a more general discussion of three-year objectives for the program. Information on staffing levels and qualifications should be included for each task and descriptions of experience relevant to the project should be included. Resumes of the proposed project director and key staff should be included in the proposal.

Applications will be competitively reviewed by BJS. Final authority to enter into a cooperative agreement is reserved for the Director, BJS, or his designee, who may, in his discretion, determine that none of the applications shall be funded.

Applications will be evaluated on the overall extent to which they respond to criminal justice priorities, conform to the goals of the Federal Justice Statistics Program, and appear to be fiscally feasible and efficient. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of—

1. Knowledge of, and experience in, working with different components of the criminal justice system with particular emphasis on knowledge of operational, management, and statistical data collected and maintained by various Federal criminal justice components;
2. Statistical expertise in the area of data analysis, data linkage, and research;
3. Experience in the application of statistical data to the analysis of criminal justice issues;
4. Demonstrated ability to prepare high quality statistical reports;
5. Availability of qualified professional and support staff and of suitable equipment for data processing and data manipulation;
6. Demonstrated fiscal, management, and organizational capability suitable for providing sound program direction for this multifaceted effort;
7. Demonstrated ability to design and maintain interactive sites on the World Wide Web; and
8. Reasonableness of estimated costs for the total project and for individual cost categories.

Application and Award Process

An original and two (2) copies of the full proposal must be submitted on SF 424 (Rev. 1988), *Application for Federal Assistance*. Proposals must be accompanied by a Budget Detail Worksheet (replaced the SF 424A, *Budget Information*); OJP Form 4000/3 (Rev. 1-93), *Program Narrative and Assurances*; OJP Form 4061/6, *Certification Regarding Lobbying; Disbarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters*; Drug-Free Workplace requirements; and OJP Form 7120/1 (Rev. 1-93), *Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire* (to be submitted by applicants who have not previously received Federal funds from the Office of Justice Programs and are not state or local units of government). If appropriate, applicants must also complete the certificate regarding lobbying activities. All applicants must sign Certified Assurances that they are in compliance with the Federal laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination in program or activity that receives Federal funds. To obtain appropriate forms, contact Getha Hilario, BJS Management Assistant, at (202) 616-3500.

Proposals must include both narrative descriptions and a detailed budget. The program narrative shall describe activities as described in the previous section. The detailed budget and the budget narrative must provide estimated costs including salaries of staff involved in the project and the percentage of time devoted to the project, fringe benefit rate itemization and costs, travel costs, proposed equipment, supplied, and other expenses. Contractual services or equipment must be procured following Office of Justice Programs grant procurement procedures.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Jan M. Chaiken,

Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

[OJP(NIJ)-1153]

National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Drug Court Evaluation II

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Solicitation for Drug Court Evaluation II."

DATES: The deadline for applications is close of business March 13, 1998.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following supplementary information is provided:

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

NIJ is soliciting proposals to evaluate 16 drug court sites, which are administered by the Office of Justice Programs, Drug Court Program Office (DCPO). The evaluation will take place in two separate phases. A single initial grant of up to \$500,000 will be awarded for a 12-24 month period. A second

supplemental grant will be awarded for the second phase of the research, ranging from 12–24 months, the award amount dependent on the work required.

The first phase of research will include: a conceptual description of the 16 DCPO drug court sites; development of comprehensive descriptive, historical, and attitudinal data about drug court programs; and measurement of the data available for program evaluation. As part of phase one researchers will develop a viable strategy for evaluating program impact and success that will serve as a proposal for the supplemental grant to be awarded for phase two of the research.

Phase two of the research will assess the success of the drug courts at meeting their goals, including: desistance from criminal behavior and drug use, retention in treatment, and changes in life circumstances and productivity.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1–800–851–3420 to obtain a copy of "Solicitation for Drug Court Evaluation II, 1998" (refer to document no. SL000241). The solicitation is available electronically via the World Wide Web, connect to the National Institute of Justice homepage at <http://ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606–8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606–8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose

of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. **Date:** February 20, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media/Enterprise, submitted to the Division of Public Programs, for projects at the January 12, 1998 deadline.

2. **Date:** February 23, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives, submitted to the Division of Public Programs, for projects at the January 12, 1998 deadline.

3. **Date:** February 27, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs, for projects at the January 12, 1998 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50–454 AND STN 50–456]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has

granted the request of Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) to withdraw its January 31, 1997, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–37 and NPF–66, for Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications (TS) to reduce the Byron, Unit 1, limiting TS value for the primary coolant dose equivalent iodine-131 (DEI) concentration from 0.35 to 0.20 microcuries per gram. The intent of this proposed TS revision was to limit the offsite dose at the exclusion area boundary to a small fraction of the radiation exposure guidelines in 10 CFR Part 100. In the interim, ComEd performed an operability assessment and administratively reduced the Byron, Unit 1, DEI to 0.20 microcuries per gram. On November 7, 1997, ComEd started its Byron, Unit 1, fall 1997 refueling outage during which the steam generators (SG) are being replaced. The replacement SG begin installed at Byron, Unit 1, will not have the relatively large end of cycle SG tube leakage attributed to the original SG. Accordingly, the license amendment requests submitted on January 31, 1997, was no longer needed.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 1997, (62 FR 11489). However, by letter dated November 11, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 31, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated November 11, 1997, which withdrew the application for the license amendments. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of January, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

M. David Lynch,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate III–2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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