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National Institute of Justice

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for National Impact Evaluation of Victim Service Programs Funded Through the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "National Impact Evaluation of Victim Service Programs Funded Through the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business July 1, 1999.

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

NIJ is soliciting proposals for an impact evaluation of victim programs and services funded under the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program, administered by the Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Office (VAWO). Specifically, the evaluation should address impact issues regarding nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service programs funded through the S.T.O.P. Program.

The two main objectives of the S.T.O.P. Victim Service Programs Impact Evaluation are to provide a process and impact evaluation of the FY95 to FY98 nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service programs; and to inform policy and practice in order to enhance victim service programs and models of service delivery.

One grant of up to \$800,000 will be awarded in Fiscal Year 1999. The duration of the impact evaluation is up to 36 months with reports of evaluation results to be submitted annually. Applicants should include with their proposal a statement on the additional work that would be completed, the time period for completion of this work, and the funds requested, if the project were to be extended beyond 36 months and additional financial support provided.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "National Impact Evaluation of Victim Service Programs Funded Through the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program" (refer to document no. SL000351). For World Wide Web access, connect either 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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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 97-1 CARP SD 92-95]

Distribution of 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 Satellite Royalty Funds

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Initiation of arbitration.

SUMMARY: The Librarian of Congress is announcing initiation of the 180-day arbitration period for the proceeding to distribute the 1992-95 satellite carrier compulsory license royalties.

DATE: Effective May 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All hearings and meetings for the 1992-95 satellite distribution proceeding shall take place in the James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-414, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David O. Carson, General Counsel, or William J. Roberts, Jr., Senior Attorney, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 252-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 251.72 of 37 CFR provides:

If the Librarian determines that a controversy exists among the claimants to either cable,

satellite carrier, or digital audio recording devices and media royalties, the Librarian shall publish in the **Federal Register** a declaration of controversy along with a notice of an initiation of an arbitration proceeding. Such notice shall, to the extent feasible, describe the nature, general structure and schedule of the proceeding.

The notice published today fulfills the requirements of § 251.72 for the distribution of satellite carrier compulsory license royalties for the years 1992-95.

On January 31, 1997, the Copyright Office published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comment as to the existence of Phase I and/or Phase II controversies concerning the distribution of the 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 satellite royalty fees, and in the event that a controversy exists, whether to consolidate the determination of the distribution of the 1992-95 royalty fees into a single proceeding, or to conduct multiple proceedings. 62 FR 4814 (January 31, 1997). The notice also requested that each interested party file a Notice of Intent to Participate, indicating the level of participation for each year, i.e., Phase I, Phase II, or both, with the Office. In response to this notice, the following parties identified the existence of controversies for distribution of the 1992-95 funds: James Cannings;¹ the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), and SESAC, Inc. (collectively the Music Claimants); Program Suppliers; CBS, Inc.; ABC, Inc.; Public Television Claimants; Devotional Claimants; Home Shopping Network; Multimedia Entertainment, Inc.; National Broadcasting Company, Inc.; Joint Sports Claimants; and Broadcaster Claimants. All but one party favored consolidating the 1992-95 satellite funds into a single distribution proceeding.

On June 4, 1997, the Office issued an Order consolidating the determination of the distribution of the 1992-95 satellite royalty fees into a single proceeding and announcing the precontroversy discovery schedule for a Phase I proceeding. See Order in Docket No. 97-1 CARP SD 92-95 (June 4, 1997). The June 4, 1997, Order set September 8, 1997, as the beginning of the 45-day precontroversy discovery period, with the initiation of the arbitration set for December 1, 1997. This schedule, however, proved unworkable, so at the request of the parties, the Copyright Office rescheduled the start of the 45-day precontroversy discovery period.

¹ Mr. Cannings identified only a Phase II controversy.

See Order in Docket No. 97-1 CARP SD 92-95 (August 20, 1997). In fact, the Office reset the schedule three times before establishing a schedule which met the needs of all the parties. See also Orders in Docket No. 97-1 CARP SD 92-95 (January 15, 1998, July 20, 1998, and October 15, 1998).

During this time, the parties continued to negotiate among themselves. As a result, all of the Phase I parties, with the exception of Joint Sports Claimants and Program Suppliers, settled their Phase I claims for 15.5% of the total aggregate amount of the satellite royalty fees for the years 1992-95. See Order in Docket No. 97-1 CARP SD 92-95 (December 21, 1998). Thus, the only parties who will appear before the CARP in the current Phase I proceeding are the Joint Sports Claimants and the Program Suppliers. The 45-day precontroversy discovery period for these parties began on January 8, 1999, and proceeded according to the schedule announced in the October 15, 1998, Order. However, the April 5 initiation date set in that schedule has been rescheduled for May 18, 1999, in order to accommodate conflicts in both the arbitrators' and the parties' schedules.

II. Initiation of Proceeding

Pursuant to § 251.72 of 37 CFR, the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is formally announcing the existence of Phase I controversies to the distribution of satellite carrier compulsory license royalties for 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995, and is initiating an arbitration proceeding under chapter 8 of title 17 of the United States Code to resolve the distribution of those funds. The arbitration proceeding commences on May 18, 1999, and runs for a period of 180 days. The arbitrators shall file their written report with the Librarian of Congress by November 15, 1999, in accordance with § 251.53 of 37 CFR.

On April 20, 1999, the parties to this proceeding met with the arbitrators for the purpose of setting a schedule for this proceeding. The Office announced the schedule and the arbitrators for the proceeding on May 11, 1999. See 64 FR 25374 (May 11, 1999). Copies of the hearing schedule are available at the Copyright Office upon request.

Dated: May 13, 1999.

David O. Carson,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: At its fourteenth regular meeting the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Pub. L. 104-169, dated August 3, 1996, will hear possible presentations from one or more subcommittees; continue its ongoing review of Commission research on economic and social gambling impacts; and deliberate on possible findings and recommendations for the Final Report.

DATES: Wednesday, June 2, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Commission may enter into Executive Session from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on either or both days.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site will be: Barcelona 2, The Renaissance Parc 55, Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco, California 94102.

Written comments can be sent to the Commission at 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public both days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Craig Stevens at (202) 523-8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For a complete agenda, please contact the Commission. This information will also be faxed to all individuals on the Commission's fax list and posted on the Commission's web site, www.ngisc.gov.

Craig Stevens,

Communications and Logistic Coordinator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of

continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR 9, Public Records.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0043.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Individuals requesting access to records under the Freedom of Information or Privacy Acts, or to records that are already publicly available in the NRC Public Document Room.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 13,656.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 3459.

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 9 establishes information collection requirements for individuals making requests for records under the Freedom of Information (FOIA) or Privacy Acts (PA). It also contains requests to waive or reduce fees for searching for and reproducing records in response to FOIA requests; and requests for expedited processing of requests. The information required from the public is necessary to identify the records they are requesting; to justify requests for waivers or reductions in searching or copying fees; or to justify expedited processing.

Submit, by July 19, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear