

double-spaced and reference the NIC Application Number and Title provided in this announcement.

If you are hand delivering or submitting via Fed-Ex, please include an original and three copies of your full proposal (program and budget narrative, application forms, assurances, and curricula). Curricula may be submitted in hard copy or on disk in Word or WordPerfect format. The original should have the applicant's signature in blue ink. Electronic submissions will only be accepted via <http://www.grants.gov>.

The narrative portion of the application should include, at a minimum: brief paragraph indicating the applicant's understanding of the project's purpose; brief paragraph that summarizes the project goals and objectives; clear description of the methodology that will be used to complete the project and achieve its goals; statement or chart of measurable project milestones and time lines for the completion of each milestone; description of the qualifications of the applicant organization and a resume for the principle and each staff member assigned to the project that documents relevant knowledge, skills and ability to carry out the project; budget that details all costs for the project, shows consideration for all contingencies for this project, and notes a commitment to work within the proposed budget; two curricula developed by the applicant or primary project-team members.

The curricula must include lesson plans, presentation slides, and a participant manual. The application must also include a description of the role of the applicant or project-team member in the development of the sample curricula. The curricula submitted DO NOT have to be related to direct supervision.

**Authority:** Public Law 93-415.

**Funds Available:** NIC is seeking applicants' best ideas regarding accomplishments of the scope of work and the related costs for achieving the goals of this solicitation. Funds may only be used for the activities that are linked to the desired outcome of the project.

**Eligibility of Applicants:** An eligible applicant is any State or general unit of local government, private agency, educational institution, organization, individual or team with expertise in the described areas. Applicants must have demonstrated ability to implement a project of this size and scope.

**Review Considerations:** Applications will be reviewed by a team of three to five persons. Evaluation will be based on criteria such as: clarity of applicant's understanding of project requirements;

background, experience, and expertise of the proposed project staff, including subcontractors; specific level of experience with, and expertise on jails generally, and direct supervision jails in particular; experience with curriculum design based on Instructional Theory into Practice (ITIP); experience in designing, managing, facilitating, or delivering training on direct supervision to jail practitioners who are moving from a traditional jail to a direct supervision jail; clarity of the description of all project elements and tasks; technical soundness of project design and methodology; financial and administrative integrity of the proposal, including adherence to Federal financial guidelines and processes; sufficiently detailed budget that shows consideration of all contingencies for this project and a commitment to work within the budget proposal; indication of availability to meet with NIC staff at various points during the project; and design and quality of sample curricula.

**Note:** NIC will NOT award a cooperative agreement to an applicant who does not have a Dun and Bradstreet Database Universal Number (DUNS) and is not registered in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR).

Applicants can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-800-333-0505 (if you are a sole proprietor, dial 1-866-705-5711 and select option 1).

Applicants may register in the CCR online at the CCR Web site: <http://www.ccr.gov>. A CCR handbook and worksheet can also be reviewed at the Web site.

**Number of Awards:** One.

**Applicant's Conference:** An applicant's conference will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (EDT) at the NIC office, 500 1st Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC. The Conference will give applicants the opportunity to meet with NIC project staff to ask questions about the project and the application procedures. Attendance at the conference is optional, and those who will be unable to attend in person may request a telephone conference instead. In addition, if you have access to a computer, provisions can be made to conduct a WebEx session. Applicants who plan to attend or who would like to participate via telephone or WebEx should call Robby Braxton-Mintz, NIC Jails Division, Correctional Program Specialist, at 1-800-995-6423 ext. 4-4562 by 4:30 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday April 1, 2009 to confirm attendance and receive further instructions.

**NIC Opportunity Number:** 09J69. This number should appear as a reference line in the cover letter, in box 12 of Standard Form 424 (where it asks for Funding Opportunity Number), and outside of the envelope in which the application is sent.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 16.601.

**Executive Order 12372:** This project is not subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372.

**Thomas J. Beauclair,**

*Deputy Director, National Institute of Corrections.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

March 16, 2009.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection requests (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including, among other things, a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number)/e-mail: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

The OMB 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 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.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Blasting Operations and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart U).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0217.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 160.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,294.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden (does not include wage/hour costs):* \$800,000.

*Description:* The information collection requirements provide protection to employees who work with and around blasting operations. In addition, inventories of explosives must be maintained to assure employer and blaster accountability for explosives. For additional information, see the related 60-day preclearance notice published in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 73 FR 74525 on December 8, 2008. PRA documentation prepared in association with the preclearance notice is available on <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number OSHA-2008-0045.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* OSHA Strategic Partnership for Worker Safety and Health Program (OSPP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0244.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 24,272.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 361,416.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden (does not include wage/hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* The OSPP allows OSHA to enter into an extended, voluntary, cooperative relationship with groups of employers, employees, and representatives to encourage, assist and recognize their efforts to eliminate serious hazards and to achieve a high level of employee safety and health that goes beyond what historically has been achieved through traditional enforcement methods. Each OSHA Strategic Partnership (OSP) determines which information will be needed, selects the best collection method, and specifies how the information will be used. At a minimum each OSP must identify baseline illness and injury data corresponding to all summary line items on the OSHA 300 logs, and must track changes at either the worksite level or participant-aggregate level. For additional information, see the related 60-day preclearance notice published in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 73 FR 67546 on November 14, 2008. PRA documentation prepared in association with the preclearance notice is available on <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number OSHA-2008-0041.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Publication of Model Notices for Health Care Continuation Coverage Provided Pursuant to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and Other Health Care Continuation Coverage, as Required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Notice

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of the Model Health Care Continuation Coverage Notices Required by ARRA.

**SUMMARY:** On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5). ARRA includes a requirement that the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary), in consultation with the Secretaries of the Treasury and Health and Human Services, develop model notices. These models are for use by group health plans and other entities that, pursuant to ARRA, must provide notices of the availability of premium reductions and additional election periods for health care continuation

coverage. This document announces the availability of the model health care continuation coverage notices required by ARRA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Horahan or Amy Turner, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, Employee Benefits Security Administration, (202) 693-8335. This is not a toll-free number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) created the health care continuation coverage provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Internal Revenue Code (Code), and the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act). These provisions are commonly referred to as the COBRA continuation provisions, and the continuation coverage that they mandate is commonly referred to as COBRA continuation coverage. Group health plans subject to the COBRA continuation provisions are subject to ARRA's premium reduction provisions, notice requirements, and an additional election period. The COBRA continuation coverage provisions do not apply to group health plans sponsored by employers with fewer than 20 employees. Many States require health insurance issuers who provide group health insurance coverage to plans not subject to the COBRA continuation provisions to provide comparable continuation coverage. Such continuation coverage provided pursuant to State law is also subject to ARRA's premium reduction provisions and notice requirements but not the additional election period.

##### II. Description of the Model Notices

###### a. In General

ARRA mandates the provision of three notices—a "General Notice," an "Alternative Notice," and a "Notice in Connection with Extended Election Periods." Each of these notices must include: a prominent description of the availability of the premium reduction including any conditions on the entitlement; a model form to request treatment as an "Assistance Eligible Individual";<sup>1</sup> the name, address, and telephone number of the plan administrator (and any other person

<sup>1</sup> In general, an "Assistance Eligible Individual" is an individual who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage as a result of an involuntary termination of employment at any time from September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009; and who elects COBRA coverage (when first offered or during the additional election period).