

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of 30 days from the date of this publication comments relating to the consent decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Chicago Specialties, L.L.C.*, Civil Action No. 03 C 0864, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-06918.

The consent decrees may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and at U.S. EPA Region V, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604. During the public comment period, the consent decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice website, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy of the consent decree, please enclose a check in the amount of \$53.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury for the consent decree with attachments, or \$11.00 for the consent decree without attachments.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Competitive Grants for PY 2003

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications (SGA) for Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs (SGA 03-02).

SUMMARY: *This competition is targeting eligible applicants that have not received HVRP or Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) Funds. All applicants for grant funds should read this notice in its entirety. The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans'*

Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition for Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs (HVRP) authorized under the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA). This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms needed to apply for grant funding. Applicants should design programs to assist eligible veterans who are homeless by providing employment, training, support services and assistance. Under this solicitation, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET) is making approximately \$1.0 million of funds available and expects to award up to five (5) grants in PY 2003. The HVRP program is designed to be flexible in addressing the universal as well as local or regional problems barring homeless veterans from the workforce. VETS in Program Year (PY) 2003 will continue to seek applicants that provide direct services through a case management approach, link with Federal, State and Local resources for homeless veterans and have clear strategies for employment and retention of the homeless.

DATES: Applications are to be submitted, including those hand delivered, to the address below by no later than 4:45 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, April 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be directed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Attention: Cassandra Willis, Reference SGA 03-02, Room N-5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FORMS OR AMENDMENTS: If another copy of a Standard form is needed, go online to <http://www.nara.gov>.

To receive amendments to this Solicitation (Please reference SGA 03-02), all applicants must register their name and address with the Grant Officer at the following address:

U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Room N-5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All applicants are advised that U.S. mail delivery in the Washington, DC area has been erratic due to the concerns involving anthrax contamination. All applicants must take this into consideration when preparing to meet the application deadline.

It is recommended that you confirm receipt of your application by contacting Cassandra Willis, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, telephone (202) 693-4570, prior to the closing deadline.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 5 of the Homeless Veterans' Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA) amended the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs at 38 U.S.C. § 2021, and provides "the Secretary * * * shall conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide job training, counseling, and placement services (including job readiness and literacy and skills training) to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force."

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) was the first nationwide Federal program that focused on placing homeless veterans into jobs. Both types of programs, urban and non-urban, in the past have provided valuable information on approaches that work in the different environments.

In accordance with the HVCAA, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET) is making approximately \$1.0 million of the funds available to award up to 5 grants to eligible applicants that have not previously received HVRP grants.

The Department has published SGAs for urban and non-urban HVRP grants at the same time. Applicants who have not previously received HVRP grants also may apply for those SGAs.

II. Application Process

A. Potential Jurisdictions To Be Served

Both urban and non-urban areas within the United States and its territories are eligible jurisdictions to receive services under this competition. Urban areas are defined as the metropolitan areas of the 75 U.S. cities largest in population and the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Non-urban areas are defined as the geographic areas outside of the metropolitan areas of the 75 U.S. cities largest in population and the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Applicants must identify whether they are applying for an urban or non-urban grant award. Please be advised that urban requests exceeding the \$300,000 and non-urban requests exceeding \$200,000 will be considered non-responsive.

B. Eligible Applicants

Entities that have *not* previously operated a HVRP or VWIP and have a proven capacity to manage grants and have or will provide the necessary linkages with other service providers are encouraged to apply. Applications for funds will be accepted from State and