

meetings is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Correction

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 6 p.m.,

Address: Walpack Valley Environmental Education Center, Walpack, New Jersey 07881.

The agenda for this meeting will consist of Commission reports which typically include natural resources, recreation, and historic structures. The Superintendent will provide reports on park issues and items of interest brought forth by the Commission and the public. The agenda is set up to invite the public to bring issues of interest before the Commission.

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, April 24, 2003 immediately following previous meeting,

Address: Walpack Valley Environmental Education Center, Walpack, New Jersey 07881.

The agenda for this meeting will consist of the annual Commission meeting and election of officers for 2003-2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 100-573 to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress on matters pertaining to the management and operation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, as well as on other matters affecting the recreation area and its surrounding communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, (570) 588-2418.

Dated: January 14, 2003.

William G. Laitner,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Justice Statistics [OJP(BJS)-1370]

2003 Sample Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a public solicitation to obtain a data collection agent for the

2003 Sample Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on or before 5 p.m. EST, May 12, 2003 or be postmarked on or before May 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be sent to Application Coordinator, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531; T: (202) 616-3497. Due to recent interruptions in mail service, it is recommended that applicants fax (202) 616-1351, e-mail (hickmanm@ojp.usdoj.gov), use a professional delivery service (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), or personally deliver applications, to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Hickman, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531; Phone (202) 353-1631 (This is not a toll free number); Email: hickmanm@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Goals

The purpose of this award is to provide funding to administer the 2003 Sample Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies (SSLEA). This data collection is part of the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) program, a recurring survey series that collects information from a nationally representative sample of law enforcement agencies. The survey will obtain information about law enforcement personnel, equipment, policies and programs, operations, terrorism/mass disaster response, computers and information systems, and other topics. The initial survey instrument and respondent list will be provided by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). It is anticipated that approximately 2,000 respondents will answer a 4-page questionnaire, and an additional 1,000 respondents will answer an 8-page questionnaire.

BJS anticipates making one award for a 12-month period under this solicitation.

Background

The LEMAS program is currently the most systematic and comprehensive source of national data on law enforcement personnel, expenditures and pay, operations, equipment, computers and information systems, and policies and procedures. Findings from the LEMAS program are designed to provide a broad picture of the current state of law enforcement in America, as well as to document both existing and emerging trends. Previous LEMAS

surveys have been conducted in 1987, 1990, 1993, 1997, 1999, and 2000. Data-sets and reports for these prior collections are available on the BJS Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>. Recently released reports from the latest survey are available from the BJS Web site, Local Police Departments, 2000, at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/lpd00.htm>, and Sheriffs' Offices, 2000, at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/so00.htm>.

The 2003 survey will add to the existing series by including questions related to terrorism/mass disaster response, and other current topic areas. This will provide important information for the development and expansion of law enforcement activity, and the information will be useful for policy-makers engaged in research, planning, and budgeting.

Eligibility Requirements

Both profit-making and nonprofit organizations may apply for funds. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, however, no fees may be charged against the project by profit-making organizations.

Scope of Work

The objective of this project is to complete data collection for the 2003 Sample Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies. This includes extensive follow-up, data verification, coding and data entry, and delivery of a final data set and documentation. The initial survey instrument and respondent list will be provided by BJS. Specifically, the recipient of funds will:

1. Develop a detailed timetable for each task in the project. Data collection should begin within three months of the project start and be completed within twelve months. After the BJS project manager has agreed to the timetable, all work must be completed as scheduled.

2. Conduct a pre-test of the survey instrument in a minimum of five sites to assure that survey items are perceived by respondents as intended and can be provided in a timely manner. This task will be performed with participation of BJS staff.

3. Mail surveys to respondents and provide extensive follow-up to respondents that require help, clarification, or encouragement to complete the survey. This may involve multiple follow-up telephone calls, re-mailing or re-faxing surveys, e-mail correspondence, and site visits where necessary.

4. Develop an Internet-based or other electronic transmission option for responding to the survey.