

Title: 30 CFR Part 795—Permanent Regulatory Program—Small Operator Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0061.

Summary: This information collection requirement is needed to provide assistance to qualified small mine operators under section 507(c) of Pub. L. 95-87. The information requested will provide the regulatory authority with data to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the capability and expertise of laboratories to perform required tasks.

Bureau Form Number: FS-6

Frequency of Collection: Once per application.

Description of Respondents: Small operators, laboratories, and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 156.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,373 hours.

Title: Technical Training Program Course Effectiveness Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0100.

Summary: Executive Order 12862 requires agencies to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. The information supplied by this evaluation will determine customer satisfaction with OSM's training program and identify needs of respondents.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: State regulatory authority and tribal employees and their supervisors.

Total Annual Responses: 315.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 53 hours.

Send comments on the need for the collections of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the following addresses. Please refer to OMB control number 1029-0061 for part 795, and 1029-0110 for the technical training effectiveness evaluation forms.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by fax at (202) 395-5806 or via e-mail to Ruth_Solomon@omb.eop.gov. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,

1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services FY 2003 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is seeking proposals to fund a variety of initiatives designed to enhance local law enforcement community policing efforts. This solicitation provides background on the COPS Office and outlines the types of projects and programs the Office is interested in funding through grants or cooperative agreements. The solicitation should be of particular interest to law enforcement agencies, universities, and profit and non-profit institutions with an interest in an experience with community policing. The purpose of this solicitation is to provide funding for community policing efforts through their direct enhancement, the development of products, tools, or applied research that will facilitate their adoption and implementation and/or the development of training and technical assistance. This solicitation is being announced as an open competition. Awardees will be expected to begin work immediately upon selection.

Background: Since 1994, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has been the Federal government office whose unique mission it is to directly serve the needs of local law enforcement. COPS is responsible for making grants to States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia with the goals of increasing police presence, expanding and improving cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community, supporting innovative community policing projects, and otherwise enhancing public safety through reductions in crime and social disorder.

The COPS Office has awarded grants to more than 13,000 policing agencies across the country and has provided funding for over 116,000 officers through direct hiring grants and the redeployment of officers through the purchase of time-saving technology and the hiring of civilians. The Office has also funded a wide-variety of innovative policing grants to combat crime and enhance public safety.

Innovative grants have included funding to foster collaborative problem-solving between police and community-based agencies or schools, engaging faith based communities, domestic violence response and prevention, 311 systems, anti-gang efforts, and methamphetamine reduction. The COPS Office has also funded the creation of 31 Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs) to foster training in community policing at the regional level. The Office has a history of producing practical and useable products and publications for the law enforcement field. Additional information regarding the COPS Office can be found at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Funding Availability and Applicant Criteria: Depending on the fundability of proposals received by the COPS Office, funding amounts may be increased or decreased within categories. In addition, all categories/parts may not receive funding based upon the quality of applications. Additional projects may be funded from this solicitation with fiscal year 2004 appropriations if such appropriations are forthcoming. Grants or cooperative agreements will be awarded for a minimum of a one-year grant period and a maximum of a two-year grant period.

The COPS Office is seeking proposals under an Open Topic area where applicants are encouraged to develop innovative original proposals that support the mission and goals of the COPS Office. In addition, the COPS Office is seeking specific proposals in the following two general categories: Applied Research/Pilot Programs and Evaluations. Descriptions of the specific types of proposals the Office is seeking are provided under each of these general areas. Please note that applicants are eligible to apply for several projects under multiple areas. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit original and innovative ideas under the Open Topics area.

A. Open Topics (A)

Approximate Funding per Project:
\$250,000

Applicants are encouraged to present original and innovative proposals under this topic area. Proposals must support