

to all eligible agencies or may be obtained by writing to COPS Universal Hiring Program, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, or by calling the Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770, or the full application kit is also available on the COPS Office web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>. Completed applications should be sent to COPS Universal Hiring Program, COPS Office, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants for the hiring or rehiring of law enforcement officers to engage in community policing. The COPS Universal Hiring Program permits interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces or to establish a new policing agency, through grants for up to three years. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions considering establishing new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program. In addition, policing agencies serving specialized jurisdictions, such as transit, housing, college, school, natural resources, and others, are eligible to apply for this program.

There are three application deadlines for this program: July 15, 1996, for Round 1; August 15, 1996, for Round 2; and September 15, 1996, for Round 3. Departments may apply before any one of the deadlines and equal consideration will be given to applications in any round. Applications which are not funded in Round 1 or 2 will be carried over the subsequent rounds.

All applicants will be asked to provide basic community policing and planning information for their area of jurisdiction. In addition, new applicants serving jurisdictions of 50,000 and over, as well as all those jurisdictions seeking to establish a department and agencies serving specialized jurisdictions (such as transit, housing, college, school, or natural resources), will be asked to provide additional information relating to the applicant's community policing plan, local community policing initiatives and strategies, local community support for the applicant's community policing plans, and plans for retaining the officers at the end of the grant period. In addition to the requested community policing

information, all applicants will be asked to submit a streamlined budget summary containing information relating to planned hiring levels, salary and fringe benefits, and decreasing federal share requirements. The COPS Universal Hiring Program Application offers two alternative budget worksheets which are tailored to the number of officers requested by each applicant; applicants requesting five or fewer officers will complete one budget worksheet for each officer, while applicants requesting more than five officers will complete a single budget worksheet based on the average yearly cost per officer.

Grants will be made for up to 75 percent of the total entry-level salary and benefits of each officer over three years, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. Waivers of the non-federal matching requirement may be requested under this program, but will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship. Grant funds may be used only for entry-level salaries and benefits. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant.

In hiring new officers with a COPS Universal Hiring Program grant, grantees must follow standard local recruitment and selection procedures. All personnel hired under this program will be required to be trained in community policing. In addition, all personnel hired under this program must be *in addition to*, and not in lieu of, other hiring plans of the grantees.

An award under the COPS Universal Hiring Program will not affect the eligibility of an agency for a grant under any other COPS program

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance reference number for this program is 16.710.

Dated: June 7, 1996.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

[FR Doc. 96-15701 Filed 6-19-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-01-M

**Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Police Corps, Notice of Availability**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice invites the submission of State Plans for

the implementation of the Police Corps. The Police Corp provides scholarships and financial assistance for educational expenses to qualified individuals in participating States in return for a commitment to devote four years of service as a member of a State or local police force. All States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to submit a State Plan.

**DATES:** Invitations to submit a State Plan and background materials will be mailed to the chief executives of eligible States and other jurisdictions during the week of June 10, 1996. State Plans for the FY 1996 Police Corps pilot project should be submitted by July 31, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** State Plans should be submitted to Joseph E. Brann, Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding preparation of a State Plan should be directed to L. Anthony Sutin, Deputy Director, at (202) 514-3750. General inquiries regarding the Police Corps should be directed to the Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

[FR Doc. 96-15702 Filed 6-19-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-01-M

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Dominion Semiconductor**

Notice is hereby given that, on March 13, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Dominion Semiconductor, L.L.C. ("Dominion") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) The identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of