

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of grants to assist policing agencies to further develop an infrastructure to institutionalize and sustain community policing practices under the Advancing Community Policing program. Eligible applicants under the Advancing Community Policing program are all state, local, Tribal and other public law enforcement agencies with an established background in community policing.

DATES: Application Kits will be available mid May, 1997. Applications for the Advancing Community Policing program must be postmarked on or before June 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be obtained by writing to Advancing Community Policing, COPS Office, Eighth Floor, 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 Advancing Community Policing, COPS Office, Eighth Floor, 1100 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 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 to support innovative community policing across the nation.

The Advancing Community Policing program will help policing agencies further develop an infrastructure to institutionalize and sustain community policing practices. Two categories of grants are available to eligible applicants: Organizational Change and Community Policing Demonstration Centers. Applicants may select only one of the categories. Applicants must clearly demonstrate interest in instilling the spirit and practice of community policing throughout their organization by changing its existing structures or serving as a Community Policing Demonstration Center.

Organizational Change grants will help law enforcement agencies overcome organizational-level obstacles

to create an atmosphere in which community policing thrives. Applicants must have a solid background in community policing and will be required to focus on changing one element of their organization. The applicant must choose one of the five priority areas within the Organizational Change category: Leadership and Management; Organizational Culture; Modifying Organizational Structures; Research and Planning; or Re-engineering Other Components of the Organization. Applicants are required to submit a detailed Project Narrative including: a description of the problem the proposed change strategy will address, the expected goals and the objectives; a discussion of internal and external forces that might affect implementation of the proposed change; an explanation of how the proposal links to the department's overall change strategy; and an explanation of how the department's overall change strategy links to the department's community policing plan.

Advancing Community Policing awards provided in the Community Policing Demonstration Centers category will allow agencies that have taken the lead in implementing the philosophy of community policing throughout their departments to help other agencies choose effective community policing strategies. These agencies, serving as active community policing laboratories, will be provided with the tools needed to disseminate information and provide assistance to other entities and be designated as Community Policing Demonstration Centers. A Center, through internal and external efforts, will work to perfect accepted community policing methods and experiment with new ideas to map the future of community policing. Applicants must have a multi-year strategic community policing plan already in place. Applicants will be required to submit a detailed Project Narrative including: a description of the agency's community policing history and its present capacity to continue developing community policing; a discussion of recent problem-solving efforts, community partnerships, current training and analysis capabilities; an analysis of the organization's strategic plan, how it fits in with the goals of Community Policing Demonstration Centers and how it can be enhanced; current and anticipated research and evaluation efforts; and a time line that reflects the stages of implementation.

Advancing Community Policing is an extremely competitive program. Up to \$10 million in Organizational Change grants will be awarded. Organizational

Change awards will not exceed \$250,000, with the average award expected to be \$100,000.

Community Policing Demonstration Centers awards will be cooperative agreements. Up to \$25 million will be awarded under Community Policing Demonstration Centers. For a jurisdiction serving a population of less than 150,000, each award will not exceed \$500,000; for a jurisdiction serving a population of 150,000 or greater, each award will not exceed \$1 million. Smaller jurisdictions are encouraged to form a consortium with other jurisdictions.

Local matching funds are not required under Advancing Community Policing. However, all applicants are strongly encouraged to contribute cash or in-kind resources to their proposed project. Award funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, state or local funds.

An award under Advancing Community Policing will not affect the eligibility of an agency's application for a grant under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; Bell Communications Research, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on January 16, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Bell Communications Research, Inc. ("Bellcore") has filed written notifications on behalf of Bellcore, and Research in Motion, Ltd. ("RIM") 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 the parties are Bellcore, Morristown, NJ; and RIM, Waterloo, Ontario, CANADA.

Bellcore and RIM entered into an agreement effective as of December 19, 1996, to engage in cooperative research related to wireless paging, data, protocols, and other services and networks to better understand the feasibility and application of such technologies for leading edge wireless and messaging services.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree; Pursuant to Cercla

In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a consent decree amendment lodged on April 22, 1997, in *United States of America v City of Somersworth, Civ. Act. No. 96-46-SD (D.N.H.)*. The amendment resolves alleged federal liability under section 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613, for contribution towards response costs incurred at the Somersworth Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site in the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire. The amendment has been signed by the United States, the State of New Hampshire, the General Electric Company, and the City of Somersworth.

The terms of the consent decree include the following: the United States, on behalf of the United States Navy, shall pay (a) \$166,500 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund; (b) \$224,713 to General Electric Company and the City of Somersworth; and (c) 9.25% of response costs incurred by General Electric Company and the City of Somersworth in completing the remedial action required by the Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive written comment on this consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Attention: Eileen T. McDonough, Environmental Defense Section, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986, and should refer to *United States v City of Somersworth*, DJ Reference No. 90-11-3-1256.

The proposed amendment and the consent decree may be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy of the

consent decree and the amendment, please enclose a check in the amount of \$41.75. In addition to the Consent Decree Library, the amendment and the consent decree, may be viewed at the EPA New England Library, located on the Eleventh Floor, One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, Room 412, James C. Cleveland Federal Building, 55 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that the public comment period is being extended for 15 days to allow comment on the proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Conoco Inc., Civ. No. 97-0445*, that was lodged on March 6, 1997 with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. The original **Federal Register** notice was published on April 8, 1997.

The parties to the Decree are Conoco Inc. ("Conoco") and the relevant natural resource trustees: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the Department of the Interior, and the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. Under the terms of the Decree, Conoco agrees to implement and fund a restoration-based settlement as compensation for natural resource damages suffered as a result of a March, 1994 release of 1,2 dichloroethane ("EDC") from Conoco's facility in Westlake, Louisiana. The claim being settled arise under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9607.

Contemporaneously with lodging the Consent Decree, the United States and the State of Louisiana jointly filed a complaint alleging that Conoco is an owner or operator of the facility that released the EDC within the meaning of Sections 107(a)(1) and 107(a)(2) of the

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a)(1) and 9607(a)(2).

The Department of Justice will receive, for an additional fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Conoco*, DOJ Reference Number 90-11-3-1655.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$21.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of New System of Records

Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is hereby given that the Department of Justice proposes to establish a new system of records to be maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

The automated Law Enforcement Support Center Database (LESC) JUSTICE/INS-023, is a new system of records for which no public notice consistent with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(e) (4) and (11) has been published.

5 U.S.C. 552a(e) (4) and (11) provide that the public be given a 30 day period in which to comment on the new routine uses; the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibility under the Act, requires a 40-day period in which to conclude its review of the system. Therefore, please submit any comments by June 13, 1997. The public, OMB and the Congress are invited to submit any comments to Patricia E. Neely, Program Analyst, Information Management and Security