

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 the Open Group, L.L.C.

Notice is hereby given that, on July 16, 1997, pursuant to § 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The Open Group, L.L.C. ("TOG") 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 objective of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to § 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the Associate members of TOG, which, by virtue of such status are not entitled to vote or appoint representatives, are as follows: T. Rowe Price Investment Technologies Inc., Baltimore, MD; NCD Corporation, Beaverton, OR; ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN; Post UND, Telekom, Austria; EC-Leasing, Moscow, Russia; Digital Equipment Corporation Japan, Tokyo, Japan; Research Environment for Global, Kawasaki, Japan; IBM Korea, Inc., Seoul, Korea; Shiman Associates Inc., Brookline, MA; Naval Underwater Warfare Center Newport, RI; Attachmate Canada, Inc., Burnaby, Canada; and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., Minato-ku, Japan.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in TOG will remain open and TOG will file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 21, 1997 The Open Group filed its original notification pursuant to § 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to § 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 1997 (62 FR 32371).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative

Notice is hereby given that, on August 22, 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"), Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative ("Cooperative") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Elf Exploration Production of Pau, FRANCE has become a new member of the Cooperative.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activities of the Cooperative. Membership in this venture remains open, and the Cooperative intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 16, 1997, Petroleum E&P Research Cooperative filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act of February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6801).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 97-18]

Voluntary Protection Program

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice, proposed information collection request; submitted for public comment and recommendations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, is conducting a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of

information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instrument are clearly understood, and impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the approval for the paperwork requirements for participation in the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 1997.

Comments should:

Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including their validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket ICR-97-18, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cathy Oliver, Directorate of Federal-State Operations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-7266. Copies of the referenced information collection requests are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Ms. Oliver at (202) 219-7266 or B. Bielaski at (202) 219-7177. For electronic copies of the information collection request on Voluntary Protection Programs, contact

the Labor News Bulletin Board (202) 219-4784; or OSHA's Web Page on Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on *Standards*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will be requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for certain information collection requirements contained in the Voluntary Protection Programs requirements. This notice initiates the process for OSHA to request an OMB approval.

As part of OMB's and OSHA's continuing paperwork reduction effort, OSHA seeks to reduce that paperwork burden hours in the Voluntary Protection Program based on input from parties interested in the regulatory scope of that regulation. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on OSHA's paperwork burden estimates from those interested parties and to seek public response to several questions related to the development of OSHA's estimates. Interested parties are requested to review OSHA's estimates, which are based on information from historical program data, to comment on their accuracy or appropriateness in today's workplace situation. OSHA bases its existing estimates upon information from participants of the Voluntary Protection Programs and is interested in learning whether they are outdated.

Current Action

This notice requests a PRA approval from OMB for the paperwork required for participation in the Voluntary Protection Programs. In order to determine if an applicant worksite meets VPP requirements, i.e., has a safety and health program that provides effective worker safety and health protection, OSHA must receive an application that describes the program in detail.

- Applications:* 18,000 hours per year.
 - Type of Review:* New Approval.
 - Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
 - Title:* Voluntary Protection Programs.
 - OMB Number:* No number assigned.
 - Agency Number:* Docket No. ICR-97-18.
 - Frequency:* On Occasion.
 - Affected Public:* Business.
 - Number of Respondents:* 90-100 per year.
 - Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 200 hours.
 - Total Burden Hours:* 18,000.
- Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.
- Signed this 22nd day of August, 1997.
- Paula O. White,**
Director, Directorate of Federal-State Operations.
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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Grant Awards to Applicants for Funds To Provide Civil Legal Services to Eligible Low-Income Clients Beginning January 1, 1998

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.
ACTION: Announcement of 1998 Competitive Grant Awards.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) hereby announces its intention to award grants and contracts to provide economical and effective delivery of high quality civil legal services to eligible low-income clients, beginning January 1, 1998.

DATES: All comments and recommendations must be received on or before the close of business on November 5, 1997.

ADDRESS: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street, N.E., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Naidu, Grants Analyst, Office of Program Operations, (202) 336-8907.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Corporation's announcement of funding availability on April 24, 1997 (62 FR 20038) and Grant Renewal applications due at September 15, 1997, the LSC will award funds to one or more of the following organizations to provide civil legal services in the indicated service areas.

Service area	Applicant name
AL-1	Legal Services Corporation of Alabama, Inc.
AL-2	Legal Services of North-Central Alabama, Inc.
AL-3	Legal Services of Metro Birmingham, Inc.
MAL	Legal Services Corporation of Alabama, Inc.
AK-1	Alaska Legal Services Corporation.
NAK-1	Alaska Legal Services Corporation.
AZ-1	Pinal & Gila Counties Legal Aid Society.
AZ-2	DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.
AZ-3	Community Legal Services, Inc.
AZ-4	Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.
NAZ-1	Pinal & Gila Counties Legal Aid Society.
NAZ-2	Community Legal Services, Inc.
NAZ-3	Papago Legal Services, Inc.
NAZ-4	Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.
NAZ-5	DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.
MAZ	Community Legal Services, Inc.
AR-1	Ozark Legal Services.
AR-2	Legal Services of Northeast Arkansas, Inc.
AR-3	Western Arkansas Legal Services, Inc.
AR-4	East Arkansas Legal Services.
AR-5	Center For Arkansas Legal Services.
MAR	Center For Arkansas Legal Services.
CA-1	California Indian Legal Services, Inc.
CA-2	Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.
CA-3	Central California Legal Services.
CA-4	Legal Aid Foundation of Long Beach.
CA-5	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.
CA-6	Legal Aid Society of Alameda County.