

and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above is granted.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

**Laura M. Nagel,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June 18, 2001.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

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

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-865. Office of Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This form will be used by every sponsor who has filed an Affidavit of Support under Section 213A of the INA to notify the Service of a change of address. The data will be used to locate a sponsor if there is a request for reimbursement.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100,000 responses at .233 hours (14 minutes) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection(s):* 23,300 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act, and Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June 18, 2001.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

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

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Types of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Affidavit of Support under Section 213A of the Act, and Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-864 and Form 1-864A. Office of Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief*

*abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The collection of information is mandated by law for a petitioning relative to submit an affidavit on their relative's behalf. The executed form creates a contract between the sponsor and any entity that provides means-tested public benefits.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 539,500 principal I-864 responses at 3.8 hours per response and 195,000 dependent I-864 responses at .08 hours per response; and 215,800 I-864A responses at 1.75 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection(s):* 2,443,350 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Freedom of Information Policy—Grant Application Materials and Exemption 4

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of policy change.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Under FOIA and LSC regulations, a requested record may be withheld from disclosure if, inter alia, the record

contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and is privileged or confidential. In the past, LSC policy has been to routinely withhold application materials submitted to LSC as part of the competitive bidding process from public disclosure pursuant to this exemption. For the reasons set forth below, LSC has decided that documents submitted by applicants as part of grant applications (the Proposal Narrative (Parts 1 & 2) on original grant applications and the Application Narrative (Parts A & B) for grant renewal applications) are generally not entitled to protection from disclosure in response to FOIA requests after grants have been awarded for a given application period.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax or email to Dawn M. Browning at the addresses listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dawn M. Browning, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4250; 202/336-8871 (phone); 202/336-8952 (fax); dbrowning@lsc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is not a "department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government." 42 U.S.C. 2996(d). LSC is, however, by the terms of its organic legislation, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Id. LSC has issued regulations<sup>1</sup> governing its basic FOIA procedures. See 45 CFR part 1602.

Under FOIA and LSC regulations, a requested record may be withheld from disclosure if, inter alia, the record contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and is privileged or confidential. See 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4); 45 C.F.R. 1602.9(a)(3). In the past, LSC policy has been to routinely withhold grant application materials submitted in connection with the competitive bidding process pursuant to this exemption. For the reasons set forth below, LSC has decided that documents

<sup>1</sup> LSC is authorized by Congress to issue regulations as necessary to carry out its mission. See 42 U.S.C. 2996(e). Since LSC is not a Federal agency, however, LSC is not subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, which governs the rulemaking activities of Federal agencies. Rather, LSC is required to "afford notice and reasonable opportunity for comment to interested parties prior to issuing rules, regulations, and guidelines, and it shall publish in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to their effective date all its rules, regulations, guidelines and instructions." 42 U.S.C. 2999(g).

submitted by applicants as part of grant applications (the Proposal Narrative (Parts 1 & 2) on original grant applications and the Application Narrative (Parts A & B) for grant renewal applications) is generally not entitled to protection from disclosure in response to FOIA requests after grants have been awarded for a given application period. LSC will continue to review each request for this information on a case by case basis to ascertain whether there is anything extraordinary in a given narrative which merits withholding and will continue to provide persons and organizations whose applications have been requested opportunity to seek protection from disclosure some or all of the documents requested upon an individualized showing of competitive harm. However, LSC's general policy will be to release this information.

It should be noted that, since this policy change is not a "rule, regulation, guideline or instruction," LSC is not required by law to publish this policy notice or seek public comment. LSC is choosing to publish this interpretive policy statement in the **Federal Register** (and has also posted it on the LSC website at <http://www.lsc.gov>) in furtherance of LSC's interest in and policy of conducting its business in a fair and open manner. LSC invites interested parties to submit written comments on this matter.

Exemption 4 of FOIA is codified at 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and provides that the requirement for disclosure of most public documents "does not apply to matters that are \* \* \* trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential." According to FOIA case law, documents submitted to LSC for competitive bidding qualify as "commercial or financial information obtained from a person."<sup>2</sup> With that threshold met, the relevant analysis upon receipt of a request for competitive grant application documents is whether

<sup>2</sup> The Court of Appeals for D.C. has held that "commercial" and "financial" should be given their "ordinary meanings." *Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA*, 704 F.2d 1280, 1290 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (citing *Washington Post Co. v. HHS*, 690 F.2d 252, 266 (D.C. Cir. 1982)). Examples of documents which have been accepted as "commercial or financial information" include business sales statistics; research data; technical designs; customer and supplier lists; profit and loss data; overhead and operating costs; and information on financial conditions. See *Landfair v. United States Dep't of the Army*, 645 F. Supp. 325, 327 (D.D.C. 1986). The term "person" has been interpreted to include a wide range of entities, including private organizations such as grantees. See e.g. *Nadler v. FDIC*, 92 F.3d 93, 95 (2d Cir. 1996) (term 'person' includes "an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization other than an agency.")