

General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Beazer East, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1108.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, Western Division, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 800, Federal Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601-1461; the Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 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, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library for a copy of the Consent Decree.

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National Institute of Corrections

Cooperative Agreement Announcement

AGENCY: National Institute of Corrections, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NIC announces the solicitation of applications for the study of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

DATES: Applications for this cooperative agreement will be available beginning February 15, 1995. Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Request copies of the solicitation (application) from NIC, 320 First St., N.W. (HOLC), Washington, D.C. 20534, by FAX to 202-307-3361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John E. Moore or Ms. Anna Z. Thompson, (202) 307-1300, ext. 147 or 145.

Cooperative Agreement Announcement District of Columbia Department of Corrections Study

I. Overview

Congress has appropriated \$200,000 to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for Federal Fiscal Year 1995 to fund an in-depth study of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections (DC DOC). Therefore, the National Institute of Corrections is soliciting applications from organizations or individuals knowledgeable about correctional management, programs and operations. The project to be funded involves an analysis and evaluation of specific areas of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections. Some areas will also require attention in the development of a program design as well as implementation strategies. The project should include, but not be limited to, a compilation and review of existing data and relevant information; analysis of the data, to include previous and/or on-going court ordered evaluations and findings; evaluation of areas listed below; and recommendations for programmatic and operational improvement in the DC DOC based on current and "best" practices.

II. Scope

The successful applicant will document findings and recommendations in a report to be made available to NIC. The report will be based on a comprehensive study of each of the areas listed below:

- * Analysis of the rated capacity of the system, to include an analysis of the appropriate number of inmates to be housed in each facility;

- * Design and implementation of an objective classification system and a community risk assessment system;

- * Staffing analysis;

- * A review of the policies, procedures, standards, regulations and laws currently governing human resource issues within the D.C. Department of Corrections including hiring, training, assignment, and promotion of personnel with a special emphasis on hiring and training standards;

- * Assessment of the physical plant, to include, but not be limited to, state of repair and safety and health considerations;

- * Security analysis of those facilities which are not under court order, to include, but not be limited to, internal security, perimeter/external security, and assessment of emergency preparedness; (through and comprehensive security audits as well

as assessments of emergency preparedness have been conducted at Central, Maximum and the Jail by Court consultants. This effort will be extended to all other facilities by the cooperative agreement recipient);

- * Facility safety and health assessments, primarily of an environmental nature, to include, but not be limited to, food service sanitation, vector control, air quality, water supply and sewage disposal, lighting, and noise control, and communicable disease and infection control. (Comprehensive assessments are currently being conducted at Central, Maximum, Modular and the Jail by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) with thorough, detailed reports issued every four months by highly qualified environmental health and safety experts. The concerns at the facilities under court scrutiny are probably similar to those at all DC facilities and these issues can be addressed by auditing the facilities not under court scrutiny and extrapolating the relevant findings of the DCRA reports to them);

- * Assessment of the adequacy of existing financial resources;

- * Review and recommendations as to new and/or additional policies and procedures relative to the above mentioned areas.

Funding for this project has been set at \$200,000 which will support one cooperative agreement. Activities funded through this agreement are to be completed within six months after the project award. Those eligible for application consideration include state agencies; public for profit or non-profit organizations; associations; educational institutions; other organizations and individuals. This project is on an expedited time frame and the award recipient should be prepared to begin work within 45 days of the closing date of the announcement. Applications for this project must be received by the Prisons Division no later than 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 20, 1995.

Note: It is acceptable for two or more organizations to join together to submit a joint application for this award or for an applicant to propose some type of a subcontract. There are specific provisions which apply to these types of arrangements. Any applicants planning on proposing such an arrangement should contact NIC and specifically request the briefing materials related to this issue, see Section VI.

III. Application Procedures

The applicant must complete OMB Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance; the certification of a drug-free workplace; and the