6. Prohibition and Restrictions on the Use of Funds

The use of funds for new construction or the purchase of real property is prohibited. Costs incurred for rearrangement and alteration of facilities required specifically for the grant program are allowable when specifically approved by ACF in writing.

If the applicant is proposing a project which will affect a property listed in, or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, it must identify this property in the narrative and explain how it has complied with the provisions of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended. If there is any question as to whether the property is listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, the applicant should consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer. (See Attachment D: SF-424B, Item 13 for additional guidelines.) The applicant should contact OCS early in the development of its application for instructions regarding compliance with the Act and data required to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services. Failure to comply with the cited Act will result in the application being ineligible for funding consideration.

7. Multiple Submittals

Due to the limited number of grants that will be made under this program, only one proposal from an eligible applicant will be funded by OCS from FY 1995 JOLI funds, be it pursuant to this announcement (Program areas 1.0 and 2.0) or the aforementioned Joint Announcement/NOFA with EPA.

8. Continuation and Refunding

OCS will not provide continuation funding or refunding to a previously funded grantee to conduct the same demonstration in the same target area.

9. Third-Party Project Evaluation

Proposals must include provision for an independent, methodologically sound evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities carried out with the grant and their efficacy in creating new jobs and business opportunities. There must be a well defined Process Evaluation, and an Outcome Evaluation whose design will permit tracking of project participants throughout the second 36 months of the project. The evaluation must be conducted by an independent evaluator, i.e., a person with recognized evaluation skills who is organizationally distinct from, and not under the control of, the applicant. It is important that each successful applicant have a thirdparty evaluator selected, and performing at the very latest by the time the work program of the project is begun, and if possible before that time so that he or she can participate in the final design of the program, in order to assure that data necessary for the evaluation will be collected and available.

10. Economic Development Strategy

In accordance with the legislative reference cited in Part II, Section A, applicants must include in their proposal an explanation of how the proposed project is integrated with and supports a larger economic development strategy within the target community. Where appropriate, applicants should document how they were involved in the preparation and planned implementation of a comprehensive community-based strategic plan, such as that required for applying for **Empowerment Zones/Enterprise** Community (EZ/EC) status, to achieve both economic and human development in an integrated manner, and how the proposed project supports the goals of that plan. (See Review Criterion II (ii) in Part IV A below.)

11. Maintenance of Effort

The application must include an assurance that activities funded under this program announcement are in addition to, and not in substitution for, activities previously carried out without Federal assistance.

Part IV—Application Review Process

Applications which pass the prerating review will be assessed and scored by reviewers. Each reviewer will give a numerical score for each application reviewed. These numerical scores will be supported by explanatory statements on a formal rating form describing major strengths and weaknesses under each applicable criterion published in the announcement.

The in-depth assessment and review process will use the following criteria coupled with the specific requirements described in Part III. Scoring will be based on a total of 100 points.

Note: The following review criteria reiterate the collection of information requirements contained in Part VI of this announcement. These requirements are approved under OMB Control Number 0970– 0062, expiration 09–30–95.

A. Criteria for Review and Assessment of Applications in Priority Areas 1.0 and 2.0

Criterion I: Organizational Experience in Program Area and Staff Responsibilities (Maximum: 20 points)

(i) Agency's commitment and experience in program area. The application includes documentation which briefly summarizes two similar projects undertaken by the applicant agency and the extent to which the stated and achieved performance targets, including permanent benefits to low-income populations, have been achieved. Application notes and justifies the priority that this project will have within the agency including the facilities and resources that it has available to carry out the project. (0–10 points)

Note: The maximum number of points will be given only to those organizations with a demonstrated record of achievement in promoting job creation and enterprise opportunities for low-income people.

(ii) Staff skills, resources and responsibilities. The application must profile the two or three individuals who will have the most responsibility for shaping the project, connecting it to customers, and achieving performance targets. The focus should be on the qualifications, experience, capacity and commitment to the program of the Executive Officials of the organization and the key staff persons who will administer and implement the project. The person identified as Project Director should have supervisory experience, experience in finance and business, and experience with the target population. Because this is a demonstration project within an already-established agency OCS expects that the key staff person(s) would be identified, if not hired.

The application must also include a resume of the third party evaluator, if identified or hired; or the minimum qualifications and a position description for the third-party evaluator, who must be a person with recognized evaluation skills who is organizationally distinct from, and not under the control of, the applicant. It is important that each successful applicant have a third-party evaluator selected and performing at the very latest by the time the work program of the project is begun, and if possible before that time so that he or she can participate in the final design of the program, in order to assure that data necessary for the evaluation will be collected and available. Plans for selecting an evaluator should be included in the application narrative. A third-party evaluator must have