MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Attorneys

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SUBJECT: Open Grant Program Solicitations from the Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. In this capacity, OJP administers the majority of the Department of Justice grant funding as appropriated by Congress. Below you will find a list of open FY 2010 competitive solicitations. The FY 2010 competitive solicitations are subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

**FY 2010 Open Competitive Solicitations**

**The Department of Justice (DOJ)**

**Solicitation Title:** DOJ, Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. This includes Alaska Native villages and Tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally-recognized Indian Tribes. For a current (Tuesday, August 11, 2009) list of federally-recognized Tribes see Vol. 74, No. 153 of the Federal Register, pp. 40218-40223.

**What’s It For?** As part of its commitment to a sustained partnership with Tribal governments to improve public safety, criminal and juvenile justice systems, and victim services in Tribal communities, DOJ developed the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. CTAS combines DOJ’s existing Tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into one, and thus requiring only one application from each Tribe or Tribal consortium. This approach provides federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues. DOJ’s Tribal government-specific competitive grant programs outlined below are referred to as “Purpose Areas.” In response to a single Tribal or
Tribal consortium application requesting funds from multiple Purpose Areas, multiple awards may be funded.

1) Improve public safety and enhance community policing capacity (COPS—Tribal Resources Grant Program)
2) Prevent and reduce alcohol- and substance abuse-related crimes (BJA—Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program)
3) Develop and enhance the operation of Tribal justice systems (BJA—Tribal Courts Assistance Program)
4) Plan, renovate, or construct correctional and/or correctional alternative facilities (BJA—Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program)
5) Provide direct intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault (OVW—Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program)
6) Enhance responses to violence committed against Indian women and girls (OVW—Tribal Governments Program)
7) Provide community outreach and victim assistance services to address elder abuse (OVC—Tribal Elder Outreach Program)
8) Prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system (OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program)
9) Enhance accountability for delinquent behavior (OJJDP—Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Program)
10) Develop new demonstration projects on violence prevention and rehabilitation (OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program).

When’s It Due? Applications are due May 13, 2010.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Solicitation Title: BJA, Second Chance Act Mentoring Grants to Non-profit Organizations

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to non-profit organizations and federally-recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register). Applicants must adhere to all eligibility and funding requirements of the Second Chance Act.

What’s It For? BJA will award funding to support communities in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction. The Second Chance Act will help ensure individuals make a safe and successful transition from prison or jail to the community. Each proposal must include the following program components: 1) mentoring offenders during incarceration, through transition to the community, and post-release; 2) transitional services to assist in the reintegration of offenders into the community; and 3) training on offender and victims issues.

When’s It Due? Applications are due March 18, 2010.
**Solicitation Title:** BJA, State, Local, and Tribal Terrorism Prevention Training and Technical Assistance National Initiative Program

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortia with significant and demonstrated experience in terrorism prevention strategies and in delivering training and technical assistance to law enforcement and tribal communities nationwide.

**What’s It For?** BJA will award funding to provide training and technical assistance to counter-terror efforts and assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in preventing acts of terrorism in their jurisdictions. This training will emphasize that constitutional rights, civil liberties, civil rights, and privacy interests must be protected throughout the intelligence process.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due March 18, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** BJA, Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

**Who Can Apply?** For Category 1, applicants are limited to state governments with no enabling statutes or regulations. For Categories 2 and 3, applicants are limited to state governments that have in place an enabling statute or regulation requiring the submission of controlled substance prescription data to an authorized state agency.

**What’s It For?** BJA will award funding under three categories:

- **Category 1: Planning.** States without a PDMP may apply for a planning grant, and need not have legislation or regulations pending or in place. Funds may be used to assist states in planning for a data collection and analysis system. Activities may include creating a planning advisory committee and ensuring key stakeholders in the state are involved in the planning process.

- **Category 2: Implementation.** States that have in place legislation or regulations that require the submission of dispensing data to a centralized database, and authorize and/or designate a state agency to provide program oversight and implementation may apply for an implementation grant. States with legislative authority to establish a pilot program in one or more jurisdictions of that state also may apply for an implementation grant. Funds may be used to: plan, establish, and build a data collection and analysis system; develop an infrastructure to support programmatic activities; facilitate the exchange of information and collected prescription data and other schedule-listed chemical products among states; facilitate the establishment of collaborations; develop a training program for system users; produce and disseminate educational materials; and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

- **Category 3: Enhancement.** States seeking to improve existing PDMPs are eligible to apply for an enhancement grant. Funds may be used to: enhance the functioning of a data collection and analysis system; enhance an existing educational or training program; support collaborations
with law enforcement and prosecutors or public health officials; support collaborations with treatment providers and drug courts; facilitate electronic information sharing among states; expand monitoring to Schedules III, IV, and V; and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the program. Applicants proposing to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of a program are strongly encouraged to partner with local universities and/or state agencies in order to evaluate the program as it relates to prescription drug diversion and overdose.

**When’s It Due? Applications are due April 1, 2010.**

**Solicitation Title:** BJA, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, federally-recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register) and tribal organizations.

**What’s It For?** BJA will award funding to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders that come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program.

**When’s It Due? Applications are due April 8, 2010.**

**Solicitation Title:** BJA, National Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Participation Program

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to state agencies responsible for the registration and storage of motor vehicle title information within the state. This agency must have the ability to achieve full compliance with the provisions of the Anti-Car Theft Act and its implementing regulations, including providing daily, if not real time, updates of title transactions to NMVTIS; making inquiries or verifications against NMVTIS prior to issuing a new title; and payment of any applicable user fees to operate the system.

**What’s It For?** BJA will award funding to states that wish to participate in the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). NMVTIS is designed to share motor vehicle title information to reduce auto theft and title fraud. BJA will provide support to establish daily or real-time updates to NMVTIS and inquiries into a web-based NMVTIS application for verification purposes.

**When’s It Due? Applications are due April 15, 2010.**

**Solicitation Title:** BJA, National Training and Technical Assistance Support to the Gang Resistance
Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in providing logistical support to large-scale national initiatives. Significant knowledge of the G.R.E.A.T. Program and of anti-gang and crime prevention strategies in general is required.

What’s It For? BJA will award funding to support the (G.R.E.A.T.) Program, a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed, classroom curriculum administered by BJA in cooperation with the DOJ’s Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The G.R.E.A.T. Program's primary objective is to prevent delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 22, 2010.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher learning with demonstrated expertise in assisting state and local correctional facilities develop, implement, and enhance residential substance abuse treatment programs. BJA encourages applications from organizations or agencies with expert knowledge of and experience with: evidenced-based substance abuse treatment programs and practices; residential substance abuse programs in correctional facilities; development and delivery of curricula to corrections and treatment professionals; and development and administration of technical assistance.

What’s It For? BJA is seeking a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to support RSAT grantees in providing residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; preparing offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assisting offenders and their communities in the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services. The primary goal of the RSAT Training and Technical Assistance Program is to provide a comprehensive array of TTA, including developing and testing curricula for corrections and treatment professionals; serving as a national resource for RSAT grantees and others to include information such as dynamic inmate risk/needs assessment instruments, matching offenders to appropriate treatment modalities, and implementing evidenced-based programs and practices in residential substance abuse treatment programs in correctional facilities; and assisting grantees in collecting and reporting on program performance measures.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 29, 2010.
Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Solicitation Title: BJS, State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to Statistical Analysis Centers (SACs) established by state legislation or executive order.

What’s It For? BJS will award funding to applicants to collect, analyze, and report statistics on crime and justice to federal, state, and local levels of government, and to share state-level information nationally. The information produced by SACs and their involvement in criminal justice projects has been and will continue to be critical to federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies and community organizations as they develop programs and policies related to crime, illegal drugs, services to victims, and the administration of justice.

When’s It Due? Applications are due March 19, 2010.

Solicitation Title: BJS, Continuation of the Federal Justice Statistics Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortia with demonstrated organization and community-based experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native communities, including tribal for-profit (commercial) and non-profit organizations, tribal colleges and universities, and tribal consortia.

What’s It For? BJS will award funding for the continuation of the Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP). The FJSP serves as the national clearinghouse for federal criminal case processing data and is a unique resource that permits analysis of data on defendants as they proceed through stages of the federal justice system. Under this program, data are provided by federal justice agencies and are standardized, maintained, analyzed, and archived by the recipient.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 19, 2010.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Sensor and Surveillance Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.
What’s It For?  NIJ will award funding for research and development of sensor and surveillance technologies to address specific operational needs of state and local criminal justice agencies. Such needs include: 1) detection of the “broad spectrum” of contraband, including metallic and nonmetallic weapons, at any controlled access point; 2) noninvasive, continuous monitoring of a subject’s use of both illegal and prescription substances; 3) detection of trace blood at crime scenes from a distance of 5 feet or greater; 4) accurate detection of gunshot residue in the field in real time; and 5) ability to extract full streams of digital multimedia evidence.

When’s It Due?  Applications are due March 15, 2010.

Solicitation Title:  NIJ, Geospatial Technology

Who Can Apply?  Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For?  NIJ will award funding to applicants to conduct research, development, testing, and evaluation activities to help address the geospatial technology needs of state and local criminal justice agencies. These activities include application of new technologies to criminal justice purposes that were not developed specifically for criminal justice use. NIJ seeks applications for funding that address geospatial technology needs through testing existing technologies; evaluating the efficacy of existing technologies; conducting research leading to development of improved technologies; or developing improved technologies. Geospatial technology needs include: 1) mobile mapping and geographic data capture tools; 2) 3-dimensional modeling and geocoding; 3) exploratory spatial data analysis visualization tools; 4) social network analysis; 5) geographic crime series linkage analysis; and 6) operationalizing crime theories into tools.

When’s It Due?  Applications are due March 18, 2010.

Solicitation Title:  NIJ, Pursuit Management Technologies

Who Can Apply?  Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For?  NIJ will award funding to applicants to develop solutions to safely and effectively resolve police motor vehicle pursuits. NIJ recognizes that no solution is likely to safely and effectively stop all motor vehicles under all circumstances. Successful solutions must be practicable for multiple different types of vehicles, in heavy traffic, and in areas with high pedestrian traffic. For purposes of
this solicitation, a safe resolution has three aspects: 1) the safety of the public, 2) the safety of the pursuing officer(s), and 3) the safety of the individual or individual(s) in the vehicle being pursued. An effective resolution is first and foremost defined in terms of the safety of the individuals involved or in immediate, close proximity to a pursuit situation. It is also defined in terms of, when appropriate, the timely apprehension of individuals involved, recovery of property (i.e., a stolen vehicle), and minimization of property damage.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due March 19, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, Biometrics Research and Development

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to applicants for funding research and development, or evaluation, of cost-effective, hand-held biometric devices capable of identifying an individual at a distance. NIJ is especially interested in research and development proposals for technology to identify or verify the identity of a person at a distance of 1000 meters.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due March 22, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, Technology Research and Development: Assured Communications for Law Enforcement Operations

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to develop solutions to assure that law enforcement agencies are able to communicate in the manner needed to support effective operations—voice, video, data, and other applications in a mobile environment under one or more of the following three scenarios: 1) a severely degraded terrestrial communications infrastructure resulting from a manmade or natural disaster; 2) an inadequate terrestrial communications infrastructure, such as may be found in some rural or tribal areas, but also in some parts of the urban law enforcement operating environment such as in buildings and subterranean areas; and 3) the availability of multiple, overlapping communications infrastructures with varying attributes. NIJ will also consider applications seeking funding to demonstrate, test, and/or evaluate existing solutions that have the potential to meet these needs.
When’s It Due? Applications are March 22, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Alternatives to Conduct Energy Less-Lethal Devices

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to develop, demonstrate, and test less-lethal devices that provide the same capability but do not use conducted energy, and which do not pose an undue risk (ideally no risk) of injury to the subject, bystanders, or the officer involved. A device would include attributes such as, effects would be safe across a broad range of populations with predictable physiological effects; effects of the device would be immediate and employed at a safe distance; portable and could be used by one person; compatible with the equipment used and worn by law enforcement and corrections officers; and cost effective for the majority of state and local law enforcement and corrections agencies.

When’s It Due? Applications are due March 22, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Crime and Justice Research and Evaluation: Investigator Initiated

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to support social and behavioral research on, and evaluations related to, crime and justice topics relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. The goal of this solicitation is to encourage investigator-initiated proposals that focus on crime and justice topics relevant to criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. These proposals may apply to: 1) social and behavioral research; and/or 2) evaluations that focus on program impact; and/or 3) causal effects of programs.

When’s It Due? Applications are due March 29, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Forensic DNA Research and Development

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal
non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding applicants for research and development to enhance the forensic uses of DNA technology in criminal justice settings. This solicitation focuses on development of technologies that result in faster, more robust, more informative, less costly, or less labor-intensive identification, collection, preservation, and/or analysis of biological evidence that has the potential for DNA analysis.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 2, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, *Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship Program FY 2010*

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to degree-granting educational institutions in the United States.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding for research on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that support graduate study leading to research-based doctoral degrees. Successful applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed dissertation research advances basic criminal justice knowledge, practice, and/or policy for criminal justice agencies in the United States. Quantitative, qualitative, primary, and secondary data analysis studies are encouraged. Special consideration will be given to applicants who use the most rigorous research methods applicable to their proposed research topic to maximize the validity and reliability of findings.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 2, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, *Electronic Crime and Digital Evidence Recovery*

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to develop emerging electronic crime and digital evidence recovery tools and technologies to address the following specific need(s) of state and local criminal justice agencies: 1) faster and more efficient data acquisition technology; 2) cell phone forensic acquisition and analysis tools and technologies; 3) forensic and investigative tools and technologies to investigate criminal use of Internet anonymizers; 4) damaged hard drive recovery and forensic examination tools; and 5) macintosh forensic tools.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due by April 2, 2010.
Solicitation Title: NIJ, Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding for multiple projects in support of criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships, as well as capturing, in detail, relevant accounts of these collaborations. Such partnerships have frequently been encouraged in solicitations for research. However, this solicitation specifically aims to support activities that capture and build on these efforts and that provide opportunities for creating, enhancing, and sustaining criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships that will lead to better criminal justice policy, practice, and research.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 2, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Information Technologies: Improved Delivery of Information to the Officer at the Scene

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to develop solutions to improving the capability of mobile (handheld) computing devices to deliver information to the officer at the scene in a timely manner. NIJ is specifically interested in solutions that will provide new or expanded data management and analytical capabilities with improved utilization of available bandwidth.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 5, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Criminal Justice Training Through the Use of Virtual Environments

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.
What’s It For? NIJ will award funding for proposals to develop solutions applying modeling and simulation technology to enhance criminal justice training through the use of virtual environments. NIJ is willing to consider applications for the development of new technology or for the adaptation, test, or evaluation of existing technology in a criminal justice application.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 5, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Forensic Technology Center of Excellence

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to establish and operate a center within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System (“the NLECTC System”) to support its research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process in all areas of forensic science for criminal justice application. The Center will support providing scientific and technical support to NIJ’s research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate forensic technology into practice by crime laboratories, forensic service providers (supporting criminal justice applications), law enforcement, and other criminal justice agencies; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to the above law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 15, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Data Resources Program 2010: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals are eligible to apply.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding for proposals to reproduce, replicate, or extend previous findings and conduct original research extending data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NACJD houses quantitative and qualitative data from NIJ-funded research and provides online access to downloadable, machine-readable (SPSS, SAS, or ASCII) files, as well as data dictionaries, study abstracts, and in limited cases MapInfo or ESRI geographic data. NIJ is particularly interested in NACJD data, but will consider data from other sources.
When’s It Due? Applications are due April 16, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Fundamental Research to Improve Understanding of the Accuracy, Reliability, and Measurement Validity of Forensic Science Disciplines

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to qualified applicants to conduct research to improve the understanding of the accuracy, reliability, and measurement validity of the forensic science disciplines. Research studies should focus on expanding the scientific basis of forensic methods, development of quantifiable measures of the reliability and accuracy of forensic analyses, and development of an understanding of human factors that may affect forensic analyses.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 16, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to qualified researchers. Researchers from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply. Due to the nature of this Fellowship, NIJ strongly encourages applicants with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts within the United States. Researchers may choose from, but are not limited to, the following list of broad topic areas: 1) courts, sentencing, and corrections; 2) police-community relations; 3) civil rights; 4) immigration, crime, and victimization; 5) ethnographic studies; 6) trafficking in human beings; and 7) transnational crime.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 16, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals and Residents of Residential Care Facilities

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal
non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding for research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of identifying, reporting, investigating, and prosecuting cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of community dwelling elders, and all individuals living in residential care facilities, particularly at the state and local levels. Priority research areas include studies that 1) identify and explore forensic markers of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect among the elderly living in any setting. Also of interest are studies that evaluate forensic practices that may aid in the detection and documentation of elder abuse and that provide comprehensive dissemination plans for such evaluation data; 2) examine the use of medication, either through withholding medication or overmedicating, as a form of elder abuse; 3) perform rigorous evaluations of programs designed to prevent, deter, detect, investigate, prosecute, or otherwise respond to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals and people who live in residential care facilities; and 4) examine the flow of elder abuse cases in the APS and/or justice systems, particularly noting where and why cases do not move forward for prosecution.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 16, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), nonprofit and profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What’s It For? NIJ will award funding to support the efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons. The goal of the solicitation is threefold: 1) to assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons; 2) to enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI’s National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) version 6.0; and 3) to enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 19, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Convicted Offender and/or Arrestee DNA Backlog Reduction Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states with accredited government DNA laboratories that operate state DNA database units pursuant to applicable law.
**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to reduce state backlog of convicted offender and/or arrestee DNA samples through in-house DNA analysis or by sending samples to accredited fee-for-service laboratories for DNA analysis. Eligible states may also apply for assistance with data review of backlogged DNA profiles awaiting Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) entry.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 19, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, *Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies Center of Excellence*

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to establish a Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies Center of Excellence ("the Center") within the NLECTC System. The Center will provide scientific and technical support to NIJ’s research and development efforts. The Center will also provide technology assistance, information, and support to criminal justice agencies.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 19, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, *Weapons and Protective Systems Technology Center of Excellence*

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**What’s It For?** NIJ will award funding to applicants to operate the Weapons and Protective Systems Technology Center of Excellence ("the Center"). The Center will support the NIJ research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process by providing scientific and technical support to NIJ’s research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies, courts, and public crime laboratories; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 19, 2010.
Solicitation Title: NIJ, Information and Geospatial Technologies Center of Excellence

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding to establish an Information and Geospatial Technologies Center of Excellence ("the Center") within the NLECTC System to support the NIJ research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process in its specific technology areas. The Center will support the NIJ RDT&E process by providing scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies, courts, and public crime laboratories; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 19, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Social Science Research in Forensic Science

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), nonprofit and profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding for research that will improve public safety and advance the administration of justice by helping to improve the use of forensic evidence in the criminal justice system and ensure the integrity of forensic processes. Potential research could stem from advances in the field, or from recommendations or discussions in the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward."

When's It Due? Applications are due May 3, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research on Policing

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), nonprofit and profit organizations (including tribal
nonprofit and profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding for research on a wide range of policing issues. NIJ is particularly interested in proposals addressing the following topics: 1) police legitimacy; 2) police disciplinary practices; 3) research on small-town and rural police departments; and 3) impact of technology on policing.

When's It Due? Applicants are due May 3, 2010.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research on Sentencing and Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding to support research and evaluation efforts that will advance the development of effective and cost-efficient alternatives to jail and prison for convicted adult offenders that do not jeopardize public safety. Priority research issues to address include: 1) sentencing and community corrections policies and practices that promote effective and cost-efficient alternatives to incarceration for alcohol and other drug involved offenders, including those with mental health issues; and 2) technological applications and protocols for assessment or monitoring that support effective and cost-efficient alternatives to incarceration.

When's It Due? Applications are due June 1, 2010.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Solicitation Title: OJJDP, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program Support

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to public agencies including state agencies, units of local government (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), public universities and colleges (including tribal institutions of higher education), and private organizations (including faith-based, tribal and community organizations).

What's It For? OJJDP will award funding to state and regional ICAC task forces working collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The project will entail the development of 1) a strategic plan for support service delivery; 2) a plan to support ICAC Task Force 2011 National Conference and Commanders’ Meetings; 3) a
system for monitoring consumer feedback; 4) training and technical assistance web site; and 5) a plan for general project management and monthly reporting.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due March 26, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** OJJDP, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force National Training Program

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to state agencies, units of local government (including federally-recognition Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), public universities and colleges (including tribal institutions of higher education), and private organizations (including faith-based, tribal and community organizations).

**What’s It For?** OJJDP will award funding to support the identification of training providers to serve ICAC Task Force Program. The purpose of the ICAC Training Program is to provide training to ICAC Task Forces and affiliated federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the areas of investigation, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building, and to use recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of training programs.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 8, 2010.

**Solicitation Title:** OJJDP, Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public school systems, universities and colleges, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register)), private organizations (including faith-based, tribal and community organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher learning).

**What’s It For?** OJJDP will award funding to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of established mentoring programs by: 1) augmenting the involvement of and services for the mentoring participants’ parents; 2) expanding structured activities and opportunities for the mentors and mentoring participant(s); and 3) increasing the availability of ongoing mentor training and support. The goal of this program is to reduce juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, truancy, and other problem and high-risk behaviors. The objective of this program is to increase the likelihood of positive outcomes for mentoring participants by supporting the involvement of parents of mentoring participants or providing/coordinating services for them, the opportunities for structured activities for mentoring matches, and the ongoing options for mentors to further develop their mentoring-related skills and abilities.

**When’s It Due?** Applications are due April 14, 2010.
Solicitation Title: OJJDP, National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children 3

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to public agencies, including state agencies, units of local government (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), public universities and colleges (including tribal institutions of higher education), and private nonprofit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community organizations).

What's It For? OJJDP will award funding to measure the scope and nature of the nation's missing children problem and estimate the number of missing children recovered each year. This national study should include not only measuring the number of stereotypical kidnappings by strangers, but also the prevalence of familial abductions; lost, injured, or otherwise missing children; and runaway or thrownaway children. This will be accomplished via surveys of households, juvenile residential facilities, law enforcement agencies, and other entities that may record information on missing child episodes.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 28, 2010.

Solicitation Title: OJJDP, State Advisory Group (SAG) Training

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to public agencies including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges (including tribal institutions of higher education), and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register) and private organizations (including faith-based, tribal and community organizations).

What’s It For? OJJDP will award funding to support training and technical assistance services to SAGs throughout the country and the U.S. territories. The training and technical assistance that SAG members receive serves two broad purposes. It enables them to better understand the juvenile justice system in their respective states or territories and become more familiar with all programs and facilities serving youth.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 29, 2010.

Solicitation Title: OJJDP, Research on Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to public agencies, including state agencies, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register), public universities and colleges (including tribal institutions of higher education), and private non-profit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community organizations) to submit applications to this solicitation.
What’s It For? OJJDP will award funding for research to advance understanding of Internet- and technology-facilitated crimes against children and juveniles. Proposed projects should aim to produce information that will assist federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors involved with Internet- or technology-facilitated crimes against children cases, policymakers, and professionals who care for and educate children and youth.

When’s It Due? Applications are due May 3, 2010.

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Solicitation Title: OVC, Helping Organizations and Programs Expand (HOPE III)

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to private non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), public agencies, tribal governments, or tribal organizations that can demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the purpose of this solicitation and the staff resources and capability to undertake the project described in this solicitation.

What’s It For? OVC will award funding to expand the vision and impact of the crime victim services field. Five grantees will be selected to: 1) collectively undertake a comprehensive analysis of the current state of the crime victims’ field in the U.S., with each grantee conducting a critical portion of the analysis; and 2) develop a consensus document that provides a philosophical and strategic framework for defining the role of the field in the country’s response to crime and moving the field forward in the future. The final consensus document will include recommendations to OVC and the broader victims’ field as well as a detailed blueprint for a national demonstration project (or multiple demonstration projects) focused on implementation of those recommendations.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 20, 2010.

Solicitation Title: OVC, Victim Assistance Professional Development Fellowship Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to individuals; organizations are not eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a specific ability and strong desire to support the technical assistance, training, and other educational needs of providers who respond to crime victims.

What’s It For? OVC will award funding to improve the skills, knowledge, and abilities of crime victim service providers and allied professionals who provide services and support for victims, or help to ensure that victims are aware of their rights and are able to exercise those rights. OVC may support fellowships in the following six categories: 1) victim assistance and compensation; 2) tribal; 3) underserved crime victims; 4) evidence-based training and technical assistance; 5) federal and military victim assistance; and 6) financial fraud and non-violent crime.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 27, 2010.
Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office

Solicitation Title: SMART Office, Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to state governments, Native American tribal governments (federally-recognized), and U.S. territories.

What's It For? The SMART Office will award funding to assist jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). SORNA requires: 1) all states, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories, and participating federally-recognized Indian tribes to maintain a sex offender registry; and 2) sex offenders to register and maintain a current registration in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, is an employee, or is a student.

When's It Due? Applications are due March 5, 2010.

Solicitation Title: SMART Office, Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states, including territories and the District of Columbia, local units of government, and federally-recognized Indian tribes that are eligible under section 127 of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 1996 to carry out the functions of SORNA and have elected to do so.

What's It For? The SMART Office will award funding to assist state, local, and tribal jurisdictions in improving their adult and juvenile sex offender management policies and practices by: critically examining existing approaches to monitoring and managing the population; identifying significant gaps and needs; and developing strategies to address the needs. The purpose of funding under this solicitation is two-fold: 1) to support demonstration projects in tribal communities that intend to implement the Comprehensive Approach model of sex offender management; and 2) to enhance existing sex offender management practices in communities in order to meet an identified need or to implement an innovative strategy that can be recognized as a best practice.

When's It Due? Applications are due March 18, 2010.

Solicitation Title: SMART Office, Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal organizations of higher education) with demonstrated experience in sex offender management and accountability issues, and delivery of training and technical assistance. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.
What’s It For? The SMART Office will award funding to provide assistance to jurisdictions in critically examining their existing approaches to managing the sex offender population, identifying their most significant gaps and areas of need, and developing specific strategies to address these needs. Additionally, the program provides training and technical assistance to jurisdictions seeking to enhance existing sex offender management programs and practices in communities, in order to meet an identified need or gap, or to implement an innovative strategy that can be recognized as a best practice.

When’s It Due? Applications due March 18, 2010.

Solicitation Title: SMART Office, Maintenance and Operation of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal organizations) that have demonstrated significant experience in providing website development, hosting and management; web services; service-oriented architecture, and distributed information sharing systems.

What’s It For? The SMART Office will award funding to develop and enhance programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) of the Adam Walsh Act. The Adam Walsh Act is designed to protect children and adults from sexual exploitation and violent crime, prevent child abuse and child pornography, promote Internet safety, and honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other crime victims. The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) is a critical component of the SMART Office’s strategy to provide for a comprehensive national sex offender registration and notification system to notify and protect the public from sex offenders. NSOPW allows law enforcement and the public to search existing state, territory and tribal sex offender registries for public sex offender data. With a single query from any web-capable computer, NSOPW searches state, territory and tribal public sex offender registries to deliver matches.

When’s It Due? Applications are due April 12, 2010.

Please review the requirements set forth in the solicitations above and encourage eligible entities to submit applications for funding. For more information, please visit OJP’s web site, http://www.ojp.gov/. Open solicitations are posted at www.grants.gov and http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/solicitations.htm.

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