





The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>, <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Recovery Act Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National ICAC Data System (NIDS) program.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the landmark American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"). As one of its many elements, the Recovery Act provided the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement (including support for hiring), to combat violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime, and to support youth mentoring. DOJ is committed to working with our national, state, local and tribal partnerships to ensure this funding invests in the American workforce.

The vast majority of funds provided to DOJ under the Recovery Act were awarded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. Under this solicitation, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will be making an FY 2010 Recovery Act award for the purpose of conducting a needs assessment and performing other tasks in support of the future development of the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS).

### Recovery Act – Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS)

#### Eligibility

Applicants are limited to state and local law enforcement agencies currently receiving ICAC Task Force Program funding. Joint applications are encouraged from an ICAC-funded agency and non-ICAC funded partners such as 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). (See "Eligibility," page 5.)

#### Deadline

Registration with <u>Grants.gov</u> is required prior to application submission. (See "How to Apply", page 15.) All applications are due by 8 p.m. Eastern Time, on July 15, 2010. (See "Deadlines: Registration and Application", page 5.)



#### **Contact Information**

For technical assistance with submitting an application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726 or e-mail <u>support@grants.gov</u>. Grants.gov Support Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours, seven days a week, except federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirement of this solicitation, call Katherine Darke Schmitt Deputy Associate Administrator, at 202-616-7373 or e-mail her at <u>katherine.darke.schmitt@usdoj.gov</u>.

Important Note to Prospective Applicants

This solicitation is issued pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.

Applicants are strongly advised to check <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm</u>, <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery,</u> <u>www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recovery\_default</u>, and <u>www.Recovery.gov</u> periodically (including before submitting an application) for updates to this solicitation and its associated requirements. Additional information may become available that could affect project proposal narratives, timelines, budget requests, certifications, recipient reporting requirements and other matters related to applications.

Award recipients will be required to follow any applicable provisions of government-wide guidance that has been or may be issued pursuant to the Recovery Act. DOJ/OJP Guidance already issued is available at <u>www.oip.usdoj.gov/recovery/</u>. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance is available at <u>www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recovery</u> default.

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## Recovery Act – Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS) (CFDA #16.800)

### **Overview**

This grant program is authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) (the "Recovery Act") and is for implementation of the Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology to Eradicate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-401, 42 USC 17601 et seq.) ("the PROTECT Act").

The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are: to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The Recovery Act places great emphasis on accountability and transparency in the use of taxpayer dollars. Among other things, it created a Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and a website – to provide information to the public, including access to detailed information on grants and contracts made with Recovery Act funds.

The purpose of this program is to fund activities that will support the future development of the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS). Pursuant to the PROTECT Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ), in partnership with other federal, state, and local law enforcement partners is required to develop and implement the National Internet Crimes against Children Data System. The purpose of NIDS is to allow credentialed users, including federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers investigating and prosecuting child exploitation, to contribute and access data for use in resolving case conflicts; link or provide a dynamic undercover system to facilitate online law enforcement investigations of child exploitation; and facilitate development of essential software and network capability for law enforcement participants to report on case information on a national level. Additionally, NIDS will permit the real-time analysis of data to facilitate identification of targets and to estimate the size of the law enforcement effort to address these crimes.

The successful applicant will work in close partnership with the DOJ and the NIDS Steering Committee. The DOJ, in coordination with the NIDS Steering Committee (see page 7), will determine the final parameters of the NIDS and will work with the successful applicant to ensure that projects and activities funded under this program advance the ultimate goal of the NIDS. The state, local and federal law enforcement sensitive nature of these deliverables qualifies this



work to be treated similarly to "special works" as discussed in 48 CFR Part 27. It is expected that all project materials, including any software or computer applications, must be developed exclusively with these federal funds. It is anticipated that the terms of any cooperative agreement will also ensure that the DOJ retains unlimited rights to any information, design requirements, systems, software, or other deliverables developed under this award, including (but not limited to) allocated rights and the right of the government to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly, in any manner and for any purpose, and to have or permit others to do so.

### **Deadlines: Registration and Application**

Registration is required prior to submission. OJP strongly encourages registering with Grants.gov several weeks before the deadline for application submission. The deadline for applying for funding under this announcement is 8 p.m. Eastern Time on July 15, 2010. Please see the "How to Apply" section, page 15, for more details.

### Eligibility

Applicants are limited to state and local law enforcement agencies currently receiving ICAC Task Force Program funding. Joint applications are encouraged from an ICAC-funded agency and non-ICAC funded partners such as 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). Because there are both research and software development components of this program, it is anticipated that the ICAC agencies proposing to serve as the lead grantee will need to include partners with these areas of expertise in their project proposals. Applicants may also propose to subcontract with public and private organizations under the terms of the OJP Financial Guide.

# Additional Requirements related to the Recovery Act (including certification requirements):

<u>Reporting on the Use of Funds</u>. In order to be eligible to receive funds under this solicitation, applicants must certify that they will satisfy the reporting requirements of section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act, which requires detailed reporting (including reporting on subawards) not later than **ten calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter**. Information on section 1512(c) appears below, under "Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act." A template for the certification is included in the appendix. (Instructions and guidance regarding section 1512 (c) reports can be found on <u>www.FederalReporting.gov</u>, on OJP's Recovery Act web page <u>www.ojp.gov/recovery/recipientreporting.htm</u>, and OMB's Recovery Act web page <u>www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recovery\_default</u>).

<u>Certification regarding Infrastructure Investments</u>. Pursuant to section 1511 of the Recovery Act, a state or local government (including a federally-recognized Indian tribal government) may not receive funds for an infrastructure investment (for example, construction or major renovation of



a correctional facility) unless the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate, certifies that the infrastructure investment has received the full vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The certification must include a description of the infrastructure investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of Recovery Act funds to be used, and must be posted on a website that is linked to Recovery.gov. (Refer to the OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements webpage at <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm</u> for the text of section 1511.)

Consistent with section 1511, **all** applicants under this solicitation must complete a "General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds for Infrastructure Investments." A template for this certification is included in the appendix. Recipients that are awarded funds for one or more infrastructure investment projects also must submit and post a certification that satisfies section 1511 as to each such specific project prior to obligating, expending, or drawing down funds for such a project. Applicants or recipients that intend to prepare a section 1511 certification should consult the OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements webpage at <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm</u>.

### **Program-Specific Information**

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Applicants also should anticipate that awards under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional DOJ funding.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this program is to conduct activities and work in consultation with OJJDP to develop recommendations for the DOJ and the NIDS Steering Committee for the technical specifications for the NIDS based on direction provided by the DOJ.

As described by the PROTECT Act, NIDS will provide:

**Case Deconfliction.** A secure, online system for federal law enforcement agencies, ICAC task forces, and other state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to use in resolving case conflicts.

**Real-Time Reporting.** All child exploitation cases involving local child victims that are reasonably detectable using available software and data are, immediately upon their detection, made available to participating law enforcement agencies.

**High Priority Suspects Identification.** Every 30 days, at minimum, the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System shall:



- i. identify high-priority suspects, as such suspects are determined by the volume of suspected criminal activity or other indicators of seriousness of offense or dangerousness to the community or a potential local victim
- ii. report all such identified high-priority suspects to participating law enforcement agencies.

**Data Collection and Analysis.** Statistical reports indicating the overall magnitude of child pornography trafficking and child exploitation in the United States and internationally as indicated by NIDS usage will be collected for OJJDP on a quarterly basis. The grantee will make raw data available to DOJ on a regular basis for the purpose of analysis and preparing reports.

**Local Data Analysis.** NIDS will provide a secure online data storage and analysis system that credentialed users may use to access and analyze their own data.

**Secure Connections.** As needed, secure connections will be established with state and local law enforcement computer networks, consistent with reasonable and established security protocols and guidelines.

The Department of Justice has convened the NIDS Steering Committee as outlined in the PROTECT Act. The NIDS Steering Committee is comprised of representatives of federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

The successful applicant will undertake the following tasks: (1) conduct a national needs assessment to support development of the NIDS; (2) evaluate existing technical resources, such as software programs and investigative tools including assessing case deconfliction systems, covert operation tools, and national reporting abilities among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement, that might be used as building blocks for the NIDS; (3) develop new software programs or investigative tools to fill the gaps and assist the state and federal law enforcement partners in undercover investigative work; and (4) conduct preliminary research activities to assist the DOJ in implementing the PROTECT Act.

#### Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goals and objectives of this program are to:

(1) Produce a national needs assessment. The goal of the national needs assessment is to support development of the NIDS by working with the DOJ and consulting with the NIDS Steering Committee in assessing case deconfliction, covert operation tools, and national reporting abilities among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement. The successful applicant will assist DOJ and the NIDS Steering Committee in gathering information from a variety of sources; ensuring valid and reliable data are used to the maximum extent possible; engaging individuals that represent a wide variety of perspectives in the assessment; and conducting an analysis of the gathered data to support the development of plans and goals for the NIDS.



- (2) Evaluate existing technical resources, such as software programs and investigative tools that might be used as building blocks for the NIDS, and identify gaps in existing tools and resources.
- (3) Develop new software programs or investigative tools to fill the gaps and assist the federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners in covert investigative work.
- (4) Support research activities that will lead to a research plan to identify characteristics, patterns, or other indicators that predict which offenders are likely to be the most dangerous that will inform NIDS reporting and analysis functions. Under the PROTECT Act, DOJ is charged to build a NIDS system that can be used to (i) identify high-priority suspects, as such suspects are determined by the volume of suspected criminal activity or other indicators of seriousness of offense or dangerousness to the community or a potential local victim; and (ii) report all such identified high-priority suspects to participating law enforcement agencies.

The deliverables under this program are:

- (1) A national needs assessment of the case deconfliction, covert operation tools, and national reporting abilities among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement. Needs assessment activities might include, for example, convening meetings and focus groups and conducting surveys of future NIDS users; analyzing data on NIDS requirements to inform system parameters; and mapping technical documentation of system specifications.
- (2) An evaluation of existing technical resources, such as software programs and investigative tools that assist law enforcement in investigating child exploitation cases.
- (3) Development of new software programs or investigative tools to fill the gaps and assist the federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners in covert investigative work.
- (4) A literature review on what is known about the links between child pornography crimes and hands-on molestation; a white paper on this topic; three day-long focus groups of researchers; local, state, and federal law enforcement; prosecutors; judges; sentencing experts; and other experts on the topic of assessing dangerousness, including definition of key terms; white papers from these focus groups; a research design to fill any gaps in assessing dangerousness; and a plan for translating future research on dangerousness into policy guidelines that will inform the construction of NIDS.
- (5) a recommendation for the technical specifications for the construction of NIDS based on the results of the work described above.



#### Amount and Length of Awards

OJJDP will make one award of up to \$921,102 for a project period of up to 24 months. The award amount will cover the entire requested project period. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Consistent with federal law and regulations, DOJ will retain ownership rights to all deliverables under the award, including the assessment, reports, software or tools, and any raw data collected in the process of completing any product. No data or other products produced will be used, published, or made public in any way that is not expressly approved by DOJ in advance, consistent with individual data agreements executed with the DOJ credentialed law enforcement agencies.

OJJDP will enter into a cooperative agreement with the successful applicant. In furtherance of the goals and objectives described above, OJJDP's role will include the following:

- reviewing and approving major work plans, including changes to such plans, designation
  of key staff, and key decisions pertaining to project operations
- reviewing and approving any sub-grantees, subcontractors or partners of the grantee
- providing guidance in significant project planning meetings and participating in projectsponsored training events and conferences
- reviewing and approving project-generated documents and materials used in the provision of project services
- providing guidance in significant project planning meetings and participation in projectsponsored events or conferences
- facilitating regular consultation with DOJ and the NIDS Steering Committee.

The successful applicant will work in close partnership with OJJDP and the NIDS Steering Committee. DOJ, in consultation with the NIDS Steering Committee, will determine the final parameters of the NIDS system and will work with successful applicant(s) to ensure that funds are expended to advance the ultimate goal of the NIDS.

#### **Budget Information**

**Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.** With respect to any award of more than \$250,000 made under this solicitation, federal funds may not be used to pay total cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the award recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal Government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (The 2010 salary table for SES employees is available at



<u>www.opm.gov/oca/10tables/indexSES.asp</u>.) A recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds. (Any such additional compensation will not be considered matching funds where match requirements apply.)

The limitation on compensation rates allowable under an award may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for the Office of Justice Programs. An applicant that wishes to request a waiver must include a detailed justification in the budget narrative of its application. Unless the applicant submits a waiver request and justification with the application, the applicant should anticipate that OJP will request that the applicant adjust and resubmit their budget.

The justification should include the particular qualifications and expertise of the individual, the uniqueness of the service being provided, the individual's specific knowledge of the program or project being undertaken with award funds, and a statement explaining that the individual's salary is commensurate with the regular and customary rate for an individual with his/her qualifications and expertise, and for the work that is to be done.

Match Requirement: Match is not required for this program.

**Non-Supplanting**: For purposes of this Recovery Act solicitation, the general non-supplanting requirement of the <u>OJP Financial Guide</u> (Part II, Chapter 3) does not apply.

#### **Recovery Act: Buy American**

All applicants that propose to use grant funds to construct, alter, maintain, or repair a public building or public work should be aware that the Recovery Act (in section 1605) contains a "Buy American" provision that applies to iron, steel, and manufactured goods, subject to certain exceptions. The provision is to be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements. For the text of section 1605, please refer to the "OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements" webpage at

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm.

#### **Recovery Act: Wage Rate Requirements**

All applicants should be aware that the Recovery Act contains a provision on wage rate requirements that concerns projects funded or assisted by Recovery Act funds that employ laborers and mechanics. See section 1606 of the Recovery Act, the text of which appears on the "OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements" webpage at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm.

#### **Recovery Act: Preference for Quick-Start Activities**

Pursuant to section 1602 of the Recovery Act, recipient of funds under this solicitation for infrastructure investment are to give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, and also are expected to use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. For the details of this requirement, please refer to the text of section 1602, which appears on the "OJP's Recovery Act Additional Requirements" webpage at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm.



#### **Recovery Act: Contracts**

Generally speaking, the Recovery Act places special emphasis on the use of fixed-price contracts awarded through competitive procedures.

#### **Recovery Act: Limit on Funds**

The Recovery Act specifically provides that funds may not be used by any state or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

#### **Recovery Act: Use of Funds in Conjunction with Funds from Other Sources**

Recovery Act funds may be used in conjunction with other funding as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting of Recovery Act funds must be separate, to meet the reporting and other requirements of the Recovery Act and other applicable law. There can be no commingling of funds. (See "Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act," below.)

### Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act

#### Separate Tracking and Reporting of Recovery Act Funds and Outcomes

Consistent with the special purposes and goals of the Recovery Act, and its strong emphasis on accountability and transparency, it is essential that all funds from a Recovery Act grant be tracked, accounted for, and reported on separately from all other funds (including DOJ grant funds from non-Recovery Act grants awarded for the same or similar purposes or programs). Recipients must also be prepared to track and report on the specific outcomes and benefits attributable to use of Recovery Act funds.

The accounting systems of all recipients and subrecipients must ensure that funds from any award under this Recovery Act solicitation are not commingled with funds from any other source.

Misuse of grant funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

#### Quarterly Reporting Under Section 1512 (c) of the Recovery Act

Consistent with the Recovery Act emphasis on accountability and transparency, reporting requirements under Recovery Act grant programs will differ from and expand upon OJP's standard reporting requirements for grants (which include quarterly financial status reports using Standard Form 425 and semi-annual progress reports). In particular, section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act sets out detailed requirements for quarterly reports that must be submitted within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter. As of October 2009, the reports required by section 1512 (c) are to be submitted through www.FederalReporting.gov.



Reporting Periods for Section 1512 (c)	Due Dates
October – December	January 10
January – March	April 10
April – June	July 10
July – September	October 10

The information submitted in the section 1512(c) reports will be posted on <u>www.Recovery.gov</u>. To the extent that grant funds are available to pay a grantee's administrative expenses, those funds may be used to assist the grantee in meeting the accelerated time-frame and extensive reporting requirements of the Recovery Act.

Recovery Act recipients may expect that the information posted by OJP will identify recipients that are delinquent in their reporting. In addition, in keeping with standard OJP practice, grant recipients who do not submit required reports by the due date may not be permitted to draw down funds thereafter, during the pendency of the delinquency, and may be subject to other appropriate actions by OJP including, but not limited to, restrictions on eligibility for future OJP awards, restrictions on draw-down on other OJP awards, and suspension or termination of the Recovery Act award.

Instructions and guidance regarding section 1512 (c) reports can be found on <u>www.FederalReporting.gov</u>, <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recovery\_default/</u>and on OJP's Recovery Act web page <u>www.oip.usdoj.gov/recovery/recipientreporting.htm</u>. OJP will post additional guidance on OJP's Recovery Act web page as it becomes available. For planning purposes, however, all applicants should be aware that the Recovery Act section 1512(c) provides as follows:

Recipient Reports – Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from a federal agency shall submit a report to that agency that contains--

(1) the total amount of recovery funds received from that agency;

(2) the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated to projects or activities; and

(3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including--

- (A) the name of the project or activity;
- (B) a description of the project or activity;
- (C) an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity;

(D) an estimate of the number of jobs created, retained, or existing by the project or activity; and

(E) for infrastructure investments made by state and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under this Act, and name of the person to contact at the agency if there are concerns with the infrastructure investment.



(4) Detailed information on any subcontracts or subgrants awarded by the recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282), allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$25,000 or to individuals, as prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

#### Subawards under Recovery Act Grants

<u>Reporting: DUNS and CCR</u>. As indicated above, quarterly reporting requirements for Recovery Act awards include reporting with respect to subawards. In order to facilitate that reporting, award recipients must work with their first-tier subawardees (if any) to ensure that, no later than the due date of the award recipient's first quarterly report after a subaward is made, the subawardee has a DUNS number and is registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. See "How To Apply" below, for more information on registering in CCR and obtaining DUNS numbers.

<u>Monitoring of subawards</u>. All applicants should bear in mind that any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be responsible for monitoring subawards under the grant in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, OMB circulars, and guidelines, including the <u>OJP Financial Guide</u>. Primary recipients will be responsible for oversight of subawardee spending and monitoring of specific outcomes and benefits attributable to use of Recovery Act funds.

#### Reporting Fraud, Waste, Error, and Abuse

Each grantee or subgrantee awarded funds made available under the Recovery Act is to promptly refer to an appropriate inspector general any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving Recovery Act funds.

OJP is working cooperatively with the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General (OIG) to oversee issues related to implementation of Recovery Act grants. Applicants should be aware that the OIG's oversight may include examination of a variety of issues related to access and security, including but not limited to oversight of inappropriate access or abuse of the deconfliction system and the data contained within that system funded by this grant.

You may report potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) by –

mail: Office of the Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706 Washington, DC 20530



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e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov

hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499

or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig/.

The Recovery Act provides certain protections against reprisals for employees of non-federal employers who disclose information reasonably believed to be evidence of gross mismanagement, gross waste, substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, abuse of authority, or violations of law related to contracts or grants using Recovery Act funds. For additional information, refer to section 1553 of the Recovery Act.

#### Research, Human Subjects, IRB Review, and Confidentiality

All applicants for OJP funds are advised that the Department of Justice defines "research" as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." 28 C.F.R. § 46.102(d). If OJP determines that a funded application involves research and includes human subjects, the approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) might be required before OJP funds may be spent for these purposes. If an application includes an evaluation component, that component will be examined by OJP to determine whether it meets the definition of "research." All applications should be as clear as possible in describing the purpose of the evaluation, and the extent to which its findings may contribute to generalizable knowledge.

The protection of human subjects of OJP-sponsored research is of critical importance. If an application involves human subjects of research, it must explain whether IRB approval has been or will be obtained, and it must explain applicant's procedures for obtaining informed consent and minimizing risks.

All applications that include a research or statistical component that collects information identifiable to a private person will be required to complete and submit to OJP a privacy certification.

For further guidance regarding federal regulations regarding research, human subjects protection, and confidentiality, please see the OJP Web page (<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other\_reguirements.htm">www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other\_reguirements.htm</a>).

#### **Performance Measures**

To assist in fulfilling the accountability objectives of the Recovery Act, as well as the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Public Law 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measure the results of their work. Additionally, applicants must discuss in their application



their methods for collecting data for performance measures. Please refer to "What an Application Is Expected to Include" (below), for additional information on applicant responsibilities for collecting and reporting data. Grantees are required to provide the data requested in the "Data Grantee Provides" column so that OJP can calculate values for the "Performance Measures" column. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	DATA THE GRANTEE PROVIDES – PER 3-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD	DESCRIPTION (PLAIN LANGUAGE EXPLANATION OF WHAT EXACTLY IS BEING PROVIDED)
Recovery Act: Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery	Number of jobs retained due to Recovery Act funding.	Reported to <u>www.federalreporting.gov</u> ; see <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/recipi</u> <u>entreporting.htm</u> for additional information."	Please see the guidance document entitled: <u>Calculating</u> <u>and Reporting Job Creation</u> <u>and Retention for Recipients of</u> <u>Recovery Act Funding from</u> <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), Office on Violence <u>Against Women (OVW), and</u> <u>Office of Community Oriented</u> <u>Policing Services (COPS)</u>
Recovery Act: Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery	Number of jobs created due to Recovery Act funding.	The number of new jobs funded by ARRA.	An unduplicated count of the number of NEW jobs dedicated to developing the NIDS that were created as a result of the funds provided by the ARRA. Report these data for each position only once during the grant period. A job can include full time, part time, contractual, or other employment relationship.

### How to Apply

There are background materials available that may assist you in preparing your application. Eligible applicants (ICAC Task Force law enforcement agencies) may contact Katherine Darke Schmitt at <u>katherine.darke.schmitt@usdoj.gov</u> to have summaries of the NIDS Steering Committee's initial discussions of the general expectations of the NIDS sent by mail.

Applications will be submitted through <u>Grants.gov</u>. <u>Grants.gov</u> is a "one-stop storefront" that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding. Complete instructions on how to register and submit an application can be found at <u>www.grants.gov</u>. If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at **1-800-518-4726**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except federal holidays. Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, **processing delays may occur and it can take up to several weeks** for first-time registrants



to receive confirmation and a user password. The Office of Justice Programs highly recommends that applicants start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting an application package by the application deadline specified.

All applicants are required to complete the following.

- 1. Acquire a DUNS Number. A DUNS number is required for <u>Grants.gov</u> registration. The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number in their applications for a new award or renewal of an existing award. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information for federal assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, one-time activity. Obtain a DUNS number by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at http://www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.
- 2. Acquire or Renew Registration with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Database. OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. An applicant must be registered in the CCR to successfully register in Grants.gov. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about CCR registration procedures can be accessed at <u>www.ccr.gov</u>.
- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov Username and Password. Complete your AOR profile on Grants.gov and create your username and password. You will need to use your organization's DUNS Number to complete this step. For more information about the registration process, go to <u>www.grants.gov/applicants/get\_registered.jsp</u>.
- 4. Acquire Authorization for your AOR from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC). The E-Biz POC at your organization must login to Grants.gov to confirm you as an AOR. Please note that there can be more than one AOR for your organization.
- 5. Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov. Please use the following identifying information when searching for the funding opportunity on Grants.gov. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.800, titled "RECOVERY ACT Internet Crimes against Children Task Force Program (ICAC)" and the funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2010-2722.



6. Submit an Application Consistent with this Solicitation. Within 24-48 hours after submitting your electronic application, you should receive an email validation message from Grants.gov. The validation message will tell you whether the application has been received and validated or rejected, with an explanation. <u>Important:</u> You are urged to submit your application at least 72 hours prior to the due date of the application to allow time to receive the validation message and to correct any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

Note: Grants.gov will forward the application to OJP's Grants Management System (GMS). GMS does not accept executable file types as application attachments. These disallowed file types include, but are not limited to, the following extensions: ".com," ".bat," ".exe," ".vbs," ".cfg," ".dat," ".db," ".dbf," ".dll," ".ini," ".log," ".ora," ".sys," and ".zip."

#### Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues

If you experience unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond your control which prevent you from submitting your application by the deadline, you must contact the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) staff listed on page 2 of this solicitation within **24 hours after the deadline** and request approval to submit your application. At that time, OJJDP staff will require you to email the complete grant application, your DUNS number, and provide a Grants.gov Help Desk tracking number(s). After the program office reviews all of the information submitted as well as contacts the Grants.gov Help Desk to validate the technical issues you reported, OJJDP will contact you to either approve or deny your request to submit a late application. If the technical issues you reported cannot be validated, your application will be rejected as untimely.

To ensure a fair competition for limited discretionary funds, the following conditions are <u>not</u> valid reasons to permit late submissions: (1) failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time; (2) failure to follow Grants.gov instructions on how to register and apply as posted on its website; (3) failure to follow all of the instructions in the OJP solicitation; and (4) technical issues experienced with the applicant's computer or information technology (IT) environment.

Notifications regarding known technical problems with Grants.gov are posted on the OJP funding web page, <u>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/solicitations.htm</u>.

### What an Application Is Expected to Include

This section describes what an application is expected to include and sets out a number of elements. Applicants should anticipate that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements may negatively affect the review of the application and, should a decision nevertheless be made to make an award, may result in the inclusion of special conditions that preclude access to or use of award funds pending satisfaction of the conditions.

Moreover, applicants should anticipate that applications that are not responsive to the scope of the solicitation, or do not include a program narrative, budget and/or budget narrative, and tribal



resolution (if applicable) will not proceed to peer review and will not receive further consideration.

OJP strongly recommends use of appropriately descriptive file names (e.g., "Program Narrative," "Budget," "Budget Narrative," "Timelines," "Memoranda of Understanding," "Resumes") for all attachments. OJP recommends that, if applicable, resumes be included in a single file.

#### Standard Form 424

Please see <u>www07.grants.gov/assets/SF424Instructions.pdf</u> for instructions on how to complete your SF424. When selecting the "type of applicant," if the applicant is a for-profit entity, please select as applicable "For-Profit Organization" or "Small Business" in the Type of Applicant 1 data field. For-profit applicants may also select additional applicable categories (e.g., "Private Institution of Higher Education").

#### **Program Narrative**

Applicants must submit a program narrative that presents a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed program. The program narrative must be double-spaced with 1-inch margins, not exceeding 30 pages of 8½ by 11-inches, and use a standard 12-point font, preferably Times New Roman. Pages must be numbered "1 of 30," etc. The project abstract, tables, charts, pictures, etc., including all captions, legends, keys, subtext, etc., may be single-spaced, and will count in the 30 page limit. Material required under the "Budget and Budget Narrative" and "Other Attachments" sections will not count toward the program narrative page count.

Applicants should anticipate that if the program narrative exceeds these length-related restrictions, such that it provides a significant competitive advantage, the application will not be reviewed in peer review and will not receive further consideration.

To be considered for review, all applications should follow the format described and include the following:

- project objectives that are linked to meaningful and measurable outcomes consistent with the goals of the Recovery Act, and the likelihood of achieving such outcomes, such as job creation and preservation
- applicant capabilities and competencies, including a description of how the applicant will track all drawdowns and grant expenditures separately from other funding, including other federal funding
- activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, and in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefits
- a timeline or project plan identifying when goals and objectives will be completed



 performance measures established by the applicant to assess whether program objectives are being met.

#### • Statement of the Problem

Applicants must briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address (e.g., the need for data sharing and deconfliction among law enforcement agencies around technology-facilitated crimes against children; the need for undercover tools to investigate; and the need for national reporting to better address critical issues in this area).

#### • Project/Program Design and Implementation

Applicants must detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that will be used to achieve the goals and objectives identified on page 7. For the goals and objectives that are research and evaluation related, OJJDP is expecting a full and complete discussion of the research or evaluation methodologies proposed, the rigor of the approaches selected; the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed methodologies; and why those methods were discussed above other options. The expertise of ICAC Task Forces and their affiliate law enforcement agencies (federal, state, and local) should be incorporated everywhere appropriate.

DOJ, in coordination with the NIDS Steering Committee, will oversee work on the assessment, research, and developmental projects described in this solicitation. The successful applicant may be requested to participate in NIDS Steering Committee meetings (although not as a member of the Committee) and will refine their project plans to incorporate instructions from the Steering Committee. DOJ will work closely with the successful applicant on the implementation of the project.

The Project Narrative should include the following:

- a description of the applicant's strategy for conducting the national needs assessment as described on page 8
- a description of the process for collecting and synthesizing results of the assessment
- a description of the strategy/methodology that the applicant will use to identify and evaluate existing tools and resources for performing case deconfliction, reporting nationally on results of investigations, and conducting undercover investigations of child exploitation cases
- a description of the strategy for the development and deployment of the software and tools to be developed for undercover investigations and a discussion of how they will fill identified gaps



- the location where the applicant proposes to house the hardware and software, if appropriate
- a description of the hardware needed for support of the software and tools
- a description of the applicant's strategy to conduct the research activities described on pages 8-9.

Applicants should be aware that the project plans and budgets may be modified, with the oversight of OJJDP, to ensure the project activities support the ultimate goal of supporting the development of the NIDS according to specifications determined by DOJ and the NIDS Steering Committee.

Applicants should be aware that it is anticipated that NIDS would qualify as a "criminal intelligence system" for purposes of 28 C.F.R. Part 23. Under the general provisions of this regulation, a system maintaining criminal intelligence information shall ensure that administrative, technical, and physical safeguards, including audit trails, are adopted to ensure against unauthorized access and against intentional or unintentional damage.

**Timeline.** Applicants must submit a timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks, assigns responsibility for each, and plots completion of each task by month or quarter for the duration of the award, using "Year 1," "Month 1," "Quarter 1," etc., not calendar dates (see "Sample Project Timelines" at <u>ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/timelines.html</u>). The timeline must be submitted as a separate attachment, as stipulated in "Other Attachments," page 22.

#### Capabilities/Competencies

Applicants must describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations.

This section of the program narrative must describe how the project will be managed and staffed locally. Management and staffing patterns must be clearly and evidently connected to the project design described in the previous section. This section must describe the experience and capability of the applicant's organization and any contractors that will be used to effectively implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding, highlighting any previous experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude.

#### **Budget and Budget Narrative**

Applicants must provide a budget that (1) is complete, allowable, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities; (2) shows the cost calculations demonstrating how the applicant arrived at the total amount requested; and (3) provides a brief supporting narrative to link costs with project activities. The budget should cover the entire award period.

Please see the <u>OJP Financial Guide</u> for questions pertaining to the budget including allowable and unallowable costs.



Applicants should include funds to send one or more representatives of the project team to four ICAC Commanders Meetings each year to update the ICAC Commanders on the status of the system. This cost may be estimated at \$2,000 per person, per trip, as the locations of these meetings are not currently known.

The budget must be prepared as a 24 month (or less) budget which shows clearly the costs associated with these goals and deliverables described on page 8 and in the Project Narrative.

Applicants must submit a budget that includes a detailed worksheet itemizing all costs and a narrative explaining and justifying each budget item, as described below.

#### • Budget Detail Worksheet

The worksheet must provide the detailed computation for each budget line item, listing the cost of each item and showing how it was calculated. For example, costs for personnel must show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time devoted to the project for each employee paid through grant funds. The budget detail worksheet must present a complete and detailed itemization of all proposed costs.

A sample budget detail worksheet can be found at <u>www.ojp.gov/funding/forms/budget\_detail.pdf</u>. If the applicant submits a different format, it must include the budget categories as listed in the sample worksheet

#### Budget Narrative

The budget narrative must describe each budget item and relate it to the appropriate project activity. It must closely follow the content of the budget detail worksheet and provide justification for all proposed costs listed in the budget detail worksheet (particularly supplies, travel, and equipment) and demonstrate that they are reasonable. In the budget narrative, the applicant must explain how fringe benefits were calculated, how travel costs were estimated, why particular items of equipment or supplies must be purchased, and how overhead or indirect costs (if applicable) were calculated.

Consult the OJP Financial Guide for questions pertaining to budget including allowable and unallowable costs at <u>www.ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm</u>.

#### **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement**

Applicants that would like to establish a federally negotiated indirect cost rate must submit a proposal to their cognizant federal agency. Generally, the cognizant federal agency is the agency that provides the preponderance of direct federal funding. This can be determined by reviewing an organization's schedule of federal financial assistance. If DOJ is your cognizant federal agency, obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/pdfs/indirect\_costs.pdf.



#### Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire

First time applicants and nonprofit, for-profit, and faith based organizations that have not previously received funding from OJP should also submit a completed Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire and financial statements. This requirement only applies to nongovernmental applicants that have not received awards from OJP within the past 3 years. Government (state or local) agencies do not need to complete the questionnaire. Applicants may obtain the questionnaire at: <a href="http://www.ojp.gov/funding/forms/financial\_capability.pdf">www.ojp.gov/funding/forms/financial\_capability.pdf</a>

Consult the OJP Financial Guide for questions pertaining to the budget including allowable and unallowable costs at <u>www.ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm</u>.

#### **Description of the Applicant's Plan for the Collection of the Data Required for Performance Measures.** (See "Performance Measures," page 14.)

#### **Other Attachments**

Applicants must submit the following information, as stipulated in the cited pages, as attachments to their application. While the materials listed below are not assigned specific point values, peer reviewers will, as appropriate, consider these items when rating applications. Peer reviewers will not consider any additional information that the applicant submits other than that specified below:

- timeline or milestone chart
- résumés of all key personnel
- job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions.
- letters of support/commitment and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from partner organizations.

### **Selection Criteria**

OJJDP will rate applications that proceed to peer review on a 100-point scale, based on the following point values:

- 1. Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative (5 points)
- 2. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation/Performance Measure Data Collection Plan (5 points)
- 3. Project/Program Design and Implementation (50 points total)
  - a. Methodology / plans for conducting the needs assessment to identify data deconfliction needs among future NIDS users (15 points)
  - b. Methodology/ plans for needs assessment to identify undercover investigative tool/software needs and development of new tools / software. (15 points)



- c. Methodology / plans for support activities to develop a research plan to identify the characteristics, patterns, or other indicators that predict which offenders are likely to be the most dangerous (20 points)
- 4. Capabilities/Competencies (20 points total)
  - a. Lead applicant's ability to manage the proposed team and complete deliverables (10 points)
  - b. Proposed partners and subgrantees/ subcontractors reflect expertise needed to complete full scope of work under this program (10 points)
- 5. Budget (20 points)

See "Program Narrative," page 18, for descriptions of the above criteria.

### **Review Process**

OJP is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for awarding grants. OJJDP reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation.

Peer reviewers will be reviewing the applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements. OJJDP may use either internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination to review the applications under this solicitation. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation who is NOT a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. An internal reviewer is a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. An internal reviewer is a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. An internal reviewer is a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. An internal reviewer is a current U.S. Department of Justice employee, and rated by a peer review panel. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations for award recommendations and decisions may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), in consultation with OJJDP, conducts a financial review of applications for potential discretionary awards and cooperative agreements to evaluate the fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants; examines proposed costs to determine if the budget and budget narrative accurately explain project costs; and determines whether costs are reasonable, necessary, and allowable under applicable federal cost principles and agency regulations.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General (AAG).

### **Additional Requirements**

Applicants selected for awards under this Recovery Act solicitation must agree to comply with additional legal requirements upon acceptance of an award. Applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal requirements upon acceptance of an award.



Applicants are encouraged to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting their applications. Additional information for each can be found at <a href="https://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other\_requirements.htm">www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other\_requirements.htm</a>.

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations
- Confidentiality
- Research and the Protection of Human Subjects
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements, includes Single Audit Act Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (if applicable)
- DOJ Information Technology Standards (if applicable)
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds (if applicable)
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- Compliance with Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
- Non-Profit Organizations
- For-Profit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006
- Recovery Act Reporting Requirements; Section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act
- Section 1511 of the Recovery Act: Certifications
- Section 1602 of the Recovery Act: Preference for Quick-Start Activities



- Section 1604 of the Recovery Act: Limit on Funds
- Section 1605 of the Recovery Act: Buy American
- Section 1606 of the Recovery Act: Wage Rate Requirements
- Section 1607 of the Recovery Act: Additional Funding Distribution and Assurance of Appropriate Use of Funds
- Section 1609 of the Recovery Act: Relating to the National Environmental Policy Act



### **Appendix A: Application Checklist**

### Recovery Act – Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS)

The application check list has been created to aid you in developing your application.

#### **Eligibility Requirement**

Applicants are limited to state and local law enforcement agencies currently receiving ICAC Task Force Program funding. Joint applications are encouraged from an ICAC-funded agency and non-ICAC funded partners such as 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). (See "Eligibility," page 5.)

\_\_\_\_ The amount requested does not exceed \$921,102.

#### The Application Components:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of the Problem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Design and Implementation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Performance Measures Requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capabilities/Competencies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Budget Narrative
- \_\_\_\_\_ Budget Detail Worksheet
- Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation/Plan for Collecting Data for Performance Measures
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Timeline
- \_\_\_\_\_ Résumés
- \_\_\_\_ Position Descriptions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letters of Support/MOUs

#### **Program Narrative/Abstract Format**

- \_\_\_\_ Double-spaced
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12-point Standard Font
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1" Standard Margins
- \_\_\_\_\_ Narrative is 30 pages or less.

#### Other:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Standard-424 Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ DUNS Number
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certifications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Standard Forms, as Applicable, including
  - \_\_\_\_ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire

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### **Appendix B: Templates for Required Certifications**

(**Instructions:** Scan signed certification(s) and submit image files electronically as part of your application package.)



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### Recovery Act – Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS) Grants Program FY 10

Certification as to Recovery Act Reporting Requirements

On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act" in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program identified above. I have also read and reviewed section 1512(c) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), concerning reporting requirements for grants. I agree that the applicant will comply with the reporting requirements set forth therein with respect to any grant the applicant may receive under the Recovery Act grant program identified above.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs, and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Justice Programs).

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Full Name of Applicant Entity

Date

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#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention

#### Recovery Act – Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS) Grants Program FY 10

General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds for Infrastructure Investments

On behalf of the applicant state or unit of local government (including tribal government) named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Eligibility" in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program named above. I also have personally read and reviewed section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"), which requires a specific certification prior to receipt of Recovery Act funds for infrastructure investments.

#### Initial the statement that applies:

- The applicant identified below **does not intend to use** any portion of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for any infrastructure investment. Should this intention change, the applicant will promptly notify OJP, and (except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law) will not draw down, obligate, or expend any funds received under this Recovery Act program for any infrastructure investment project until section 1511 of the Recovery Act has been satisfied, and an adequate project-specific certification has been executed, posted, and submitted to OJP.
- The applicant identified below **does intend to use** some or all of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for one or more infrastructure investment projects. Except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law, I agree that the applicant entity will execute, post, and submit to OJP, prior to obligating, expending, or drawing down funds for such project, a project-specific certification that satisfies all of the requirements of section 1511 (including execution by the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate) for each such infrastructure investment project.



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General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds for Infrastructure Investments

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Program grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant (that is, the governmental entity applying directly to the Office of Justice Programs).

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Full Name of Applicant Government Entity

Date