

OJJDP FY 2009 Recovery Act Internet Crimes Against Children National ICAC Data System Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the National ICAC Data System (NIDS)?

NIDS is intended to provide a secure, dynamic undercover infrastructure to facilitate online law enforcement investigations of child exploitation; to promote data deconfliction and information sharing among ICAC Task Forces and ICAC-affiliated federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; and to enhance the capacity of OJJDP to collect and aggregate data on the extent of the problem of child exploitation. ICAC Task Forces will access NIDS through a link on the ICAC Portal.

2. What should the National ICAC Data System do?

Applicants should submit proposals for a system that comports with the requirements listed under the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section, delineated on page 6 and 7 of the program announcement, which are drawn from Section 105 of the PROTECT Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-401).

3. Does NIDS have to be 28 CFR, Part 23 compliant?

Yes, 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 23 (28 CFR Part 23) is a regulation that governs inter-jurisdictional and multi-jurisdictional criminal intelligence systems that are operated by or on behalf of state and local law enforcement agencies.

4. What is 28 CFR Part 23?

28 CFR Part 23 is a federal regulation that was issued by the U.S. Department of Justice in 1980, revised in 1993, and clarified in 1998 to address circumstances that evolved with changing technologies and law enforcement needs. 28 CFR Part 23 is applicable to "criminal intelligence systems," offering guidance on the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal intelligence information. See www.iir.com/28cfr/guideline.htm for further information.

5. What organizations are eligible to apply?

Applicants are limited to only those States and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies currently receiving funds under the ICAC Task Force Program. Joint applications from an ICAC-funded agency and a non-ICAC funded partner(s) are acceptable. The ICAC-funded agency must be the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicant(s). Furthermore, The NIDS developed under this solicitation shall be housed and maintained within the Department of Justice or a credentialed law enforcement agency and plans for the location of the system including a memorandum of understanding with the proposed housing agency must be included with the application.

6. Can a joint application include a private sector or non-profit organization?

Joint applications may involve a private sector or non-profit organization as long as the primary applicant is an agency currently receiving funds under the ICAC Task Force Program; the location of the system is housed within the Department of Justice or a credentialed law enforcement agency; and plans for the location of the system, including a memorandum of understanding with the proposed housing agency, are included with the application.

7. Is training a required component of this program?

Yes, applicants must provide for a training effort that instructs users on the proper use of the NIDS.

8. How much funding is available?

OJJDP will make one award for up to \$900,000 for a project period of 24 months. OJJDP will consider supplemental funds to extend the project period annually and these funds will be contingent on successful performance as determined by OJJDP. The award amount will cover the entire requested project period.

9. When is the registration deadline for this solicitation?

The deadline to register is 12:00 noon Eastern Time on May 1, 2009

10. What is the application deadline for this solicitation?

Applications are due to the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Grant Management System (GMS) by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2009.

11. Are there any special programmatic or reporting provisions interested applicants must be aware of?

Funding for the National ICAC Data System (NIDS) program is made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, (Public Law 111-5) (the "Recovery Act"). Agencies receiving funds through this program will be required to provide quarterly progress reports pertaining to the number of jobs created as a result of the funding, along with the specific programmatic reporting requirements associated with the delivery of a training and technical assistance program.

12. Will proposals submitted under this solicitation be peer reviewed?

Yes, applications that meet the minimum standards described in the solicitation will be peer reviewed.

13. How many jobs must be created with Recovery Act funds? Does a minimum percentage of the grant need to go to personnel versus other costs?

There is no specified number of jobs that must be created. There are no established percentages for personnel or other operating expenses.

14. What sort of justification is needed to document that a job was going to be lost but for Recovery Act funding?

The applicant should prepare a memo/statement that describes the situation (e.g., potential layoffs, reduction in force, planned retirement) that is averted as a result of Recovery Act funds being made available to create jobs or prevent job losses.

15. In my application to OJJDP do I need to address all performance measures listed in the solicitation (including the Recovery Act performance measures)?

Applicants must address all of the mandatory performance measures noted in the solicitation under which they are applying, including the Recovery Act performance measures. Please review carefully the section on Performance Measures in the specific solicitation under which you are applying. Also note the section on “Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation/Performance Measure Data Collection Plan,” as this section provides guidance on what an application must contain for each performance measure that you are required to address.

16. Once awarded, will I be required to report on all mandatory performance measures listed in the solicitation?

The mandatory performance measures will apply to all grantees that receive funding under this initiative, even if the awardee believes they are not applicable. Any award funded with Recovery Act funds is also required to report data in support of the mandatory Recovery Act performance measures. It may be that not all recovery act measures appear relevant to your program activities (e.g., you may be hiring new staff, but not initiating financial partnerships). For questions which ask about activities that you did not do, your answer would be 0 (zero). There are no right or wrong answers, but you are going to be required to respond regardless. Additionally, grantees will be required to report on the solicitation’s other mandatory performance measures.

17. Whom can I call if I have questions about this program?

For assistance with the programmatic requirements of this solicitation, contact Christopher Holloway, Program Manager, at (202)-305-9838 or christopher.holloway@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through OJP’s [Grants Management System](#) (GMS). For technical assistance relating to the on-line application system, call – The Grants Management System Support Hotline at 1-888-549-9901, option 3.