**OJJDP FY 09 Recovery Act Internet Crimes Against Children Research Grants
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How much money is available?

A total of $2,000,000 is available under this solicitation.

2. How many awards will be made?

There has not been a determination as to the number of awards that will be made. OJJDP will consider the number of applications that are received, the research topics that are selected for funding, and the funding amounts requested.

3. How long will the grant period be?

Award periods may be 12 to 36 months.

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

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

5. When is the registration deadline for this solicitation?

The deadline to register is 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2009.

6. When is the application deadline for this solicitation?

Applications are due at 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 14, 2009.

7. What start date should be used for the project?

Applicants should use a start date of July 1, 2009 or later.

8. 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.

9. 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 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.

10. What areas of research will be considered for funding?

Scope and Characteristics of Internet and Technology Facilitated Crime Against Children and Juveniles: OJJDP seeks an assessment of trends, challenges, and opportunities, including new technologies that will impact federal, state, local, and tribal efforts to combat child exploitation. 2 *Characteristics of Perpetrators of Internet and Technology Facilitated Crime Against Children and Juveniles*: OJJDP seeks studies to validate existing research related to the link between possession or trafficking of child pornography and actual abuse of a child and studies related to establishing a link between the types of files being viewed or shared and the type of illegal activity. *Forensic Analyses***:** OJJDP seeks research to develop and test new tools and techniques to improve the efficiency of forensic analyses in internet crime cases, for example, those cases using cell phones and PDAs. Proposed projects should identify how the study will be able to link the subject tool or strategy to improved forensic analysis results [e.g. by decreasing the amount of time needed for forensic analyses; by capturing on scene forensics in new or innovative ways; or decreasing backlogs of forensic analyses. *Investigation of Internet Crimes*: OJJDP seeks research to expand our knowledge about how technology is used in crimes against children [e.g. cell phones, file encryption, wireless networks, and peer to peer environments] and investigative strategies and techniques that address these issues. *Prosecution Strategies*: OJJDP seeks data collection and evaluation of successful prosecution strategies in internet and technology-facilitated crimes against children. OJJDP is also interested in legal analyses of how cases involving juveniles manufacturing or distributing sexually explicit images of themselves or their peers are handled across the U.S. *Prevention Strategies*: OJJDP seeks research on the scope and prevalence of children and youth creating and distributing explicit images of themselves and/ or their peers, with the goal of forming strategies to prevent this kind of behavior.

11. Will other research topics be considered?

Yes, applicants may propose research in other areas. Applicants should explain how the proposed project will fill a critical gap in the field's knowledge and practice.

12. What areas will not be considered for funding?

Proposals to provide training or direct services; proposals primarily to purchase equipment, materials, or supplies; and proposals to develop or disseminate internet safety materials will not be considered for funding.

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

For assistance with the programmatic requirements of this solicitation, contact Jeffrey Gersh, Program Manager, at (202) 514-5535 or jeffrey.gersh@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.