OJJDP FY 2009 Recovery Act
Internet Crimes Against Children Training and Technical Assistance Grants
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of this announcement?

The purpose of the ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Grants Program is to provide training to ICAC task forces and other Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the areas of investigations, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building related to Internet crimes against children and technology facilitated child sexual exploitation using recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of training programs.

2. What organizations are eligible to apply?

OJJDP invites applications from public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and tribal governments) and private organizations (including faith-based and community organizations). Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicants.

3. Do potential applicants need to have specific skills or knowledge sets in order to apply?

OJJDP is interested in innovative approaches for the design and delivery of training to support the ICAC Task Force network, law enforcement, prosecutors, and partnering agencies/organizations that clearly demonstrate an understanding of the following issues, to include: the scope and scale of technology facilitated crimes against children; organizations, agencies, and other groups involved in investigating, prosecuting, and addressing technology-facilitated crimes against children; the mechanics and requirements of delivering training, technical assistance to the ICAC Task Force network, affiliated agencies, and other groups that address incidents of technology-facilitated crimes against children; the complexities of the ICAC Task Force Program and the various issues, sensitivities, and controversial matters related to the initiative; and the needs of the U.S. Department of Justice, particularly OJJDP, in carrying out the mission of delivering training and technical assistance to the ICAC Task Forces. Additionally, potential applicants should have experience in and an understanding of how criminal investigations are conducted on a national, state, and local level involving technology-facilitated crimes against children; experience inproviding training at a national level in the field of computer-facilitated crimes against children; and familiarity with operational, tactical, investigative, and forensic activities that ICAC Task Force members engage in.

4. What specific training areas should potential applicants target?

Interested applicants should develop a plan for the design, development, delivery, and maintenance of an efficient and effective training and technical assistance program that provides innovative approaches in addressing at least one, but not limited to one, of the following topical areas:

a. Forensic Analyses for Computers and Other Devices.

b. Prosecution of Child Sexual Exploitation and Technology Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation Offenses.

c. Specialized Techniques for Investigating Child Sexual Exploitation Offenses (e.g., cell phone technologies or file encryption).

d. Wellness for Law Enforcement and Other Professionals Exposed to Child Exploitation Images at Work.

e. Training for judges about the nature and scope of technology-facilitated child exploitation crimes.

5. How much funding is available?

OJJDP is making available $5.1 million dollars to support the ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Grants Program.

6. How many awards will be made?/ How much can funding can be requested?

OJJDP will make several awards from the total $5,100,000 to support a well-rounded portfolio of training and technical assistance projects. No limit has been set for the amount of money available for one applicant, except that, as provided in the PROTECT Act, no non-law enforcement agency may receive more than $2,000,000.

7. When is the registration deadline for this solicitation?

The deadline to register is 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 1, 2009.

8. When 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.

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

Funding for the ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Grants 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.

10. Where can an applicant learn about the kinds of training and technical assistance programs that have been funded before?

Visit www.icactraining.org for a description of the ICAC training program.

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

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.