Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program FY 2010 Competitive Grant Announcement Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the <u>FY</u> 2010 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program. The purpose of this program is to: help protect crime victims from further victimization and ensure that victims' legal rights are being honored by providing access to timely and accurate information about individuals in custody or under criminal justice supervision. Additionally, the SAVIN Program improves criminal justice decision making by ensuring that victims are given the information they need to fully participate in all aspects of the criminal justice process. Under this solicitation, applicants were required to submit an application under one of three categories: Category 1—Automated Victim Notification System Implementation; Category 2—Automated Victim Notification System Enhancement; or Category 3— Development of Information Exchange Standards. The solicitation for funding was released on December 15, 2009 and closed February 11, 2010.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are screened initially to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. 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, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 15 applications for the site-based solicitation (14 of these applications were received under Category 2 and 1 was received under Category 3) seeking a total of \$5,798,567 dollars in funding. BJA made 13 of site-based award for a total of \$4,892,974 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 86.67 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The e-mail will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at <u>AskBJA@usdoj.gov</u>.

FY 2010 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program Award Information

Category 1—Automated Victim Notification System Implementation (no applications received) Category 2—Automated Victim Notification System Enhancement Category 3— Development of Information Exchange Standards

Category	Grantee	State	Award Amount
2	State of North Dakota	ND	\$30,000
2	Indiana Department of Correction	IN	\$499,592
2	Vermont Department of Corrections	VT	\$211,840
2	Idaho Sheriff's Association	ID	\$496,536
2	Puerto Rican Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	PR	\$500,000
2	Wisconsin Department of Corrections	WI	\$400,520
2	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	CA	\$155,000
2	Kentucky Department of Corrections	KY	\$500,000
2	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	PA	\$500,000
2	Arkansas Crime Information Center	AR	\$500,000
2	Mississippi Department of Corrections	MS	\$492,300
2	Administrative Office of the District Attorneys for the State of New Mexico	NM	\$157,186
3	IJIS Institute	VA	\$450,000
	Awards: 13		Total Funding: \$4,892,974