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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking partners in institutions of higher education to apply for funding under the Student Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Educational Opportunities Program to enhance both the education and opportunities for students in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. It provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

Eligibility (Who may apply): Eligible applicants are limited to institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education) and nonprofit or for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations).

Applicants must possess experience in providing computer forensic and digital evidence education to students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels as it would relate to economic, high-technology, white collar, or internet crimes. If the application is submitted by a nonprofit or for-profit organization, the applicant must partner with institution(s) of higher education. Institutions of higher education may partner with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, but it is not a requirement.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed subrecipients (subgrantees). The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire project. For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Because this solicitation focuses on the education of students, the resources associated with the proposed programs cannot be used to fund new programs but must be used to fund existing programs in state, local, territorial, or tribal jurisdictions.

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2019 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

Contact information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under “Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues” in the How To Apply (Grants.gov) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

For assistance with any unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant’s control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline, or any other requirement of this solicitation, contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center: toll-free at 800-851-3420; via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only); email grants@ncjrs.gov; fax to 301-240-5830; or web chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>. The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

Post-Award Legal Requirements Notice

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. OJP strongly encourages applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application.

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Deadline Details

Applicants must register with Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> prior to submitting an application. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 25, 2019.

To be considered punctual, an application must be submitted by the application deadline using Grants.gov, and the applicant must have received a validation message from Grants.gov that indicates successful and timely submission. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date, to allow time for the applicant to receive validation

messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov, and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

An applicant must use the **Add Attachment** button to attach a file to its application. Do not click the paperclip icon to attach files. This action will not attach the files to the application. After adding an attachment, select the **View Attachment** button to confirm you attached the correct file. To remove the file, select the **Delete Attachment** button.

OJP encourages all applicants to read this [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#).

For additional information, see the How to Apply (Grants.gov) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

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STUDENT COMPUTER FORENSICS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

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A. Program Description

Overview

BJA's Student Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Educational Opportunities Program is an innovative new program that seeks to partner with an institution of higher education to further educational opportunities for students in the fields of computer forensics and digital evidence. This practical and academic program will better prepare students for employment within federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that are charged with the prevention, investigation, and response to economic, cyber, and high-tech crimes.

Statutory Authority: Any awards under this solicitation will be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-6, 133 Stat 13, 113.

Program-specific Information

The Student Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Educational Opportunities Program is designed to enhance the capacities of institutions of higher education to better serve undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence by providing them with current practical educational opportunities.

Applicants must document experience in providing computer forensics and digital evidence education to students. Institutions of higher education applying for an award may, but are not required to, partner with other institutions of higher education, nonprofits, or for-profit organizations. If such an optional partnership exists, this partnership must be clearly defined in the application.

Nonprofit or for-profit organizations applying for an award are required to partner with an institution or institutions of higher education (including tribal). This required partnership must be clearly defined in the application.

Funds may not be used for a new start-up program by an institution of higher education, nonprofit, or for-profit organization.

Objectives and Deliverables

- **Objective 1:** Evaluate current forensic- and digital-based curricula and how they are aligned with the needs of local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement.
- **Deliverable 1:** The applicant must describe how it will compile data of current needs from federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement and public safety agencies to revise and enhance its existing forensic- and digital-based curriculum offerings to meet these needs.

- **Objective 2:** Enhance and expand on existing computer forensic and digital evidence degree- or certificate-based curricula by adding a field-based, practical element to the current curricula.
- **Deliverable 2:** The applicant must describe how it will enhance the classroom experience through the practical application of concepts taught in existing coursework. The practical exposure can be in the form of class projects to support local, state, tribal, territorial, or federal law enforcement and/or internships with local, federal, or state law enforcement in the areas of computer forensics and digital economic, high-technology, white collar, and internet crimes.
- **Objective 3:** Expand access to existing training via web-based learning and/or regional, tribal, and federal collaborations.
- **Deliverable 3:** The applicant should demonstrate how traditional in-person classes can be modified and presented in an online format to ensure this type of training is available to students where possible. Although BJA understands that some classes, due to the technology, may not convert to a web-based learning format, it expects that other classes may be presented in a combined in-person and web-based format. The applicant must explain how the combination would work and benefit the student.
- **Objective 4:** Define a methodology that will allow students to locate potential internships, co-operative work opportunities, and jobs in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence. This may lead to future, full-time employment within a criminal justice, a public safety, or private sector organization.
- **Deliverable 4:** The applicant must describe how it will use an existing, or develop a new, web-based methodology for students to access and review opportunities that relate to the classes they will attend that will be developed under this solicitation. These opportunities should include government agencies, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit and private sector companies dealing with computer forensics and digital evidence.
- **Objective 5:** Identify a corroborative approach that will enhance the development and implementation of classes proposed.
- **Deliverable 5:** The applicant must document its existing partnerships and what partnerships will be developed during the grant period. These partnerships should be with institutions of higher education, government agencies, and nonprofit and private sector companies that can possibly assist with class and student development.

Applicants should describe how their new program does not duplicate other federal, regional, state, or local educational opportunities.

Applicants should also outline in their proposals a strategic and comprehensive process to achieve the objectives and generate the deliverables that are described above.

The Objectives and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under [What an Application Should Include](#).

Evidence-based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

Applicants should note that OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section titled Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.

B. Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards BJA expects to make	2 awards
Estimated maximum dollar amount for each award	\$1,000,000
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under solicitation	\$2,000,000
Period of performance start date	October 1, 2019
Period of performance duration	24 months

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. In making decisions regarding continuation awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, when the program or project was last competed, OJP's strategic priorities, and OJP's assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports) and the progress of the work funded under the award.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Type of Award

BJA expects to make any award under this solicitation in the form of a cooperative agreement, which is a type of award that provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants (and cooperative agreements).

Cooperative agreements include a condition in the award document that sets out the nature of the "substantial federal involvement" in carrying out the award and program. Generally stated, under OJP cooperative agreement awards, responsibility for the day-to-day conduct of the funded project rests with the recipient. OJP, however, may have substantial involvement in matters such as substantive coordination of technical efforts and site selection as well as review and approval of project work plans, research designs, data collection instruments, and major project-generated materials. In addition, OJP often indicates in the award terms and conditions that it may redirect the project if necessary.

In addition to an award condition that sets out the nature of the anticipated “substantial federal involvement” in the award, cooperative agreements awarded by OJP include an award condition that requires specific reporting in connection with conferences, meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, training activities, or similar events funded under the award.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements¹ as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match. However, if a successful application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

Pre-agreement costs are costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award.

OJP does **not** typically approve pre-agreement costs; an applicant must request and obtain the prior written approval of OJP for all such costs. All such costs incurred prior to award and prior to approval of the costs are incurred at the sole risk of the applicant. (Generally, no applicant should incur project costs **before** submitting an application requesting federal funding for those costs.) Should there be extenuating circumstances that make it appropriate for OJP to consider approving pre-agreement costs, the applicant may contact the point of contact listed on the title page of the solicitation for the requirements concerning written requests for approval. If approved in advance by OJP, award funds may be used for pre-agreement costs, consistent with the recipient’s approved budget and applicable cost principles. See the section titled Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (Post-award Requirements) at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> for more information.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver

For applicants seeking the waiver, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference-, meeting-, or training-related activity (or similar event) to review carefully—before submitting an application—the OJP and DOJ policy and guidance on approval, planning, and reporting of such events. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

¹ The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance that may be allowable.

C. Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see title page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see [Section B. Federal Award Information](#).

D. Application and Submission Information

What an Application Should Include

For this solicitation, BJA has designated the following application elements as critical: Program Abstract, Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative, Timelines, and copies of any memorandums of understanding (MOUs) or cooperative agreements for other organization working as part of this application.

See the Application Elements and Formatting Instructions section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on, among other things, what happens to an application that does not contain all of the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424)

The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") is not subject to Executive Order 12372. (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.").

2. Project Abstract

Applications should include an abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 400 words or fewer. Project abstracts should be:

- Written for a general public audience.
- Submitted as a separate attachment with "Project Abstract" as part of its file name.
- Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (such as Times New Roman) with 1-inch margins.

As a separate attachment, the project abstract will not count against the page limit for the program narrative.

3. Program Narrative

The program narrative must respond to the Review Criteria in the order given. Applications are peer reviewed and scored on answers to the Review Criteria. The program narrative should be double-spaced, using standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins, and should not exceed 10 pages. Number pages "1 of 10," "2 of 10," etc.

If the program narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, BJA may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections should be included as part of the program narrative:

- a. Description of the issues to be addressed
- b. Project Design and Implementation
- c. Capabilities and Competencies
- d. Plan for Collecting the Data required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the objectives and deliverables identified under "Objectives and Deliverables" in [Section A. Program Description](#).

Applicants should visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP. Performance measures for this solicitation are listed in [Appendix B: Performance Measures Table](#).

The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data.

Please note that applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

Post-award recipients will be required to submit performance metric data semiannually through BJA's online Training and Technical Assistance Reporting Portal. More information on reporting requirements can be found at: <https://www.bjatrainng.org/working-with-nttac/providers>.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations should follow the guidance under Note on Project Evaluations in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

4. Budget Information and Associated Documentation

See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for details on the Budget Detail Worksheet, and on budget information and associated documentation, such as information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts under awards, and preagreement costs.

5. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

6. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to a tribal authorizing resolution. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

7. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in his or her personal capacity) is required to download, complete, and submit the OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (Questionnaire) at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/FinancialCapability.pdf> as part of its application. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this Questionnaire.

8. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Each applicant must complete and submit this information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this disclosure.

9. Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

Each applicant is required to disclose whether it has (or is proposed as a subrecipient under) any pending applications for federally funded grants or cooperative agreements that (1) include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed in the application under this solicitation and (2) would cover any identical cost items outlined in the budget submitted to OJP as part of the application under this solicitation. For additional information on the submission requirements for this disclosure, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

10. Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees² (if applicable)

An applicant that is designated as a DOJ High Risk Grantee is to submit in GMS, as a separate attachment to its application, information that OJP will use, among other pertinent information, to determine whether it will consider or select the application for an award under this solicitation. The file should be named “DOJ High Risk Grantee Applicant Disclosure and Justification.” (See, also, “Review Process,” below, under Section E. Application Review Information, for a brief discussion of how such information may be considered in the application review process.) See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information and submission instructions for this disclosure.

11. Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including

² A “DOJ High Risk Grantee” is a recipient that has received a DOJ High-Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

12. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.

Under certain circumstances, a nonprofit organization that provides unreasonably high compensation to certain persons may subject both the organization's managers and those who receive the compensation to additional federal taxes. A rebuttable presumption of the reasonableness of a nonprofit organization's compensation arrangements, however, may be available if the nonprofit organization satisfied certain rules set out in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations with regard to its compensation decisions.

Each applicant nonprofit organization must state at the time of its application (question 9c in the "OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire" located at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/FinancialCapability.pdf> and mentioned earlier) whether or not the applicant entity believes (or asserts) that it currently satisfies the requirements of 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6 (which relate to establishing or invoking a rebuttable presumption of reasonableness of compensation of certain individuals and entities).

A nonprofit organization that states in the questionnaire that it believes (or asserts) that it has satisfied the requirements of 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6 must then disclose, in an attachment to its application (titled "Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation"), the process used by the applicant nonprofit organization to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (together, "covered persons").

At a minimum, the disclosure must describe in pertinent detail: (1) the composition of the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; (2) the methods and practices used by the applicant nonprofit organization to ensure that no individual with a conflict of interest participates as a member of the body that reviews and approves a compensation arrangement for a covered person; (3) the appropriate data as to comparability of compensation that are obtained in advance and relied upon by the body that reviews and approves compensation arrangements for covered persons; and (4) the written or electronic records that the applicant organization maintains as concurrent documentation of the decisions with respect to compensation of covered persons made by the body that reviews and approves such compensation arrangements, including records of deliberations and of the basis for decisions.

For purposes of the required disclosure, the following terms and phrases have the meanings set out by the IRS for use in connection with 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6: officers, directors, trustees, key employees, compensation, conflict of interest, appropriate data as to comparability, adequate documentation, and concurrent documentation.

Applicant nonprofit organizations should note that following receipt of an appropriate request, OJP may be authorized or required by law to make information submitted to satisfy this requirement available for public inspection. Also, a recipient may be required to make a

supplemental disclosure promptly after the award in certain circumstances (e.g., changes in the way the organization determines compensation).

13. Additional Attachments

a. Letter Affirming Assurances and Relevant Legislation, and Memorandum of Understanding or Inter-Local Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants must attach a letter addressed to the BJA Director affirming the required assurances required under this grant program and signed by the chief executive of the applying organization.

b. Timeline

Include a comprehensive timeline that identifies milestones, numerically listed deliverables, and who is responsible for each activity (provide title and organization). Regularly scheduled meetings must be reflected on the timeline.

c. Letters of Support

Include letters of support from relevant partners, other organizations, or government agencies stating information about work or services provided. ***Any letters of support must be part of the application package, no independent letters will be accepted after the application has been submitted.***

How To Apply (Grants.gov)

Applicants must register in and submit applications through [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov), a primary source to find federal funding opportunities and apply for funding. Find information on how to apply in response to this solicitation in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Registration and Submission Steps

Applicants will need the following identifying information when searching for the funding opportunity on Grants.gov.

1. CFDA #16.752 Economic High-Tech and Cyber Crime Prevention

2. Funding opportunity #BJA-2019-16290

For information on each registration and submission step, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

E. Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers using the following review criteria.

1. Description of the Issue (10 percent)

Precisely identify student educational issues with regard to computer forensics and digital evidence to be addressed by the program. Provide specific data of current law enforcement and criminal justice agencies' needs and how these needs can be met through this program.

2. Project Design and Implementation (30 percent)

Fully describe how the program will reach the stated objectives by providing a complete description of its design and proposed implementation. The design and implementation must relate to this student based program as stated in the objectives and deliverables

3. Capabilities and Competencies (25 percent)

Fully describe the applicant's capabilities to implement the program and the competencies of the staff assigned to it and who will oversee the program. Identify personnel who are critical to the program's successful implementation and discuss their roles, responsibilities, and qualifications. Discuss organizational capabilities or competencies that will directly impact the ability to successfully implement the proposed education program.

4. Impact/Outcomes – Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10 percent)

Explain how this student-based program's effectiveness will be demonstrated. Describe how performance measure data will be collected, who will collect and report the data, how the data will be stored, and how they will be assessed to measure the impact of the proposed efforts. Describe how your program's performance data will be shared with BJA.

5. Sustainment (15 percent)

Outline a strategy for sustaining the program and the proposed work stated in the application when the federal grant ends. This would include training and education for students and the capacity to make students aware of internships, co-ops, and job opportunities.

6. Budget (10 percent)

Provide a proposed budget for the entire program period that is complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities). Budget narratives should demonstrate generally how applicants will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. Budget narratives should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the objectives of the program.³

Review Process

OJP is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for making awards. BJA reviews an application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation requirements. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the application review process for this solicitation.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the nonpublic segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

³ Generally speaking, a reasonable cost is a cost that, in its nature or amount, does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the costs.

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, at its option, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may take into account not only peer review ratings and BJA recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

OJP strongly encourages prospective applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on administrative, national policy, and other legal requirements.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on information technology security.

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in [Section A. Program Description](#), any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see page 2.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see page 2.

H. Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and U.S.C. 552a)

All applications submitted to OJP (including all attachments to applications) are subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and to the Privacy Act. See the [OJP Grant](#)

[Application Resource Guide](#) for information on DOJ and OJP processes with regard to application information requested pursuant to FOIA.

Provide Feedback to OJP

To assist OJP in improving its application and award processes, OJP encourages applicants to provide feedback on this solicitation, the application submission process, and/or the application review process. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on providing solicitation feedback to OJP.

Appendix A: Application Checklist

FY 2019 Student Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Opportunities Program

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application.

What an Applicant Should Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

- Acquire a DUNS Number (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Register with Grants.gov:

- Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov (see page 13)
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

After Application Submission, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- (1) Application has been received
- (2) Application has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

If No Grants.gov Receipt, and Validation or Error Notifications are Received:

- Contact NCJRS regarding experiencing technical difficulties (see page 2)

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2018 Awards](#)" in the OJP Funding Resource Center at <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>.

Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit of \$1,000,000.

Eligibility Requirement:

Eligible applicants are limited to institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education) and nonprofit or for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations).

Applicants must possess experience in providing computer forensic and digital evidence education to students both on the undergraduate and graduate levels as it would relate to economic, high-technology, white collar, or internet crimes. If the application is submitted by a nonprofit or a for-profit organization, the program must be a partnership with an institution or institutions of higher education. Institutions of higher education may partner with a nonprofit or a for-profit organization, but it is not at requirement.

What an Application Should Include:

The following items are critical application elements required to meet the basic minimum requirements. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements designated to be critical will neither proceed to peer review nor receive consideration for funding.

- Project Abstract (see page 9)
- Project Narrative (see page 9)
- Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (see page 10)
- Timeline (see page 13)

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (see page 9)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see page 11)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see page 11)

Additional Attachments

- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications (see page 11)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see page 11)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see page 11)
- Letter Affirming Assurances and Relevant Legislation, and Memorandum of Understanding or Inter-Local Agreement (if applicable) (see page 13)
- Letters of Support, MOUs, etc. (see page 13)

(Note: any letters of support must be part of the application package, no independent letters will be accepted after the application has been submitted)

- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see page 12)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see page 8)

Appendix B: Performance Measures Table

Objectives	Performance Measure	Data Grantee Provides
Objective 1: Support the development and the expansion of information and knowledge in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence through training.	Number of trainings conducted	Number of trainings (by type): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person • Web-based • CD/DVD • Peer-to-peer • Workshop
	Number of participants who attended the training	Number of individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the training (in-person) or started the training (web-based) • Completed the training • Completed an evaluation at the conclusion of the training • Completed an evaluation and rated the training as satisfactory or better • Completed the post-test with an improved score over their pre-test
	Percentage of participants who successfully completed the training	
	Percentage of participants who rated the training as satisfactory or better	
	Percentage of participants trained who subsequently demonstrated performance improvement	
	Percentage of scholarship recipients surveyed who reported that the training provided information that could be utilized in their job	Number of individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a scholarship • Completed the training • Completed a survey at the conclusion of the training • Reported the training provided information that could be utilized in their job
	Number of curricula developed	Number of training curricula: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed • Pilot tested • Revised after being pilot tested
	Number of curricula that were pilot tested	
Percentage of curricula that were revised after pilot testing		

Objectives	Performance Measure	Data Grantee Provides
Objective 2: Support agencies and students in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence through short-term and comprehensive technical assistance.	Percentage of requesting agencies that rated services as satisfactory or better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of onsite visits completed • Number of reports submitted to requesting agencies after onsite visits • Number of requesting agencies that completed an evaluation of services • Number of agencies that rated the services as satisfactory or better (in terms of timeliness and quality) • Number of follow-ups with requesting agencies completed 6 months after onsite visit • Number of agencies that were planning to implement at least one or more recommendations 6 months after the onsite visit
	Percentage of requesting agencies that were planning to implement one or more recommendations	
	Percentage of peer visitors who reported that the visit to the other agency was useful in providing information on policies or practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of peer-to-peer visits completed • Number of peer visitors who completed an evaluation • Number of peer visitors who reported that the visit was useful in providing information on policies or practices • Number of follow-ups with the requesting peer visitor completed 6 months after the peer-to-peer visit • Number of peer visitors who were planning to implement at least one or more recommendations 6 months after the onsite visit
	Percentage of peer visitors who were planning to implement one or more policies or practices 6 months after they were observed at the visited site	
Percentage of requesting agencies of other onsite services that rated the services provided as satisfactory or better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of other onsite services provided • Number of requesting agencies that completed an evaluation of other onsite services • Number of agencies that rated the services as satisfactory or better 	

Objectives	Performance Measure	Data Grantee Provides
Objective 3: Increase information provided to BJA and the criminal justice community.	Number of conferences or advisory/focus groups held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of conferences or advisory/focus groups held • Number of conference or advisory/focus group attendees who completed an evaluation • Number of conference or advisory/focus group attendees who rated the advisory/focus group as satisfactory or better
	Percentage of advisory/focus groups evaluated as satisfactory or better	
	Number of publications developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of publications/resources developed • Number of publications/resources disseminated
	Number of publications disseminated	
	Percentage of websites developed and maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of websites developed • Number of websites maintained • Number of visits to websites during the current reporting period • Number of visits to websites during the previous reporting period
	Percentage increase in the number of visits to websites	
	Percentage of information requests responded to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of information requests • Number of information requests responded to