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## **Strategies for Policing Innovation FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation**

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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking to fund applications under the [Strategies in Policing Innovation \(SPI\)](#) Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal jurisdictions in reducing crime and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically through support for innovative and evidence-based policing practices, more effective information sharing, and multi-agency collaboration.

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):**

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies
- Governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as their fiscal agent
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions
- Tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes (including tribal consortia operated as nonprofit organizations) acting as a fiscal agent for one or more tribal law enforcement agencies

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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 May 12, 2020.

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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# STRATEGIES FOR POLICING INNOVATION

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### A. Program Description

#### Overview

Strategies for Policing Innovation provides funding to enable police agencies to effectively use evidence-based practices, data, and technology. Recipients of funding under the FY 2020 SPI Program will test promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices; build their capacity to analyze and use crime intelligence and data; implement and test justice information-sharing technology;<sup>1</sup> and establish a system for evaluating their effectiveness.

**Statutory Authority:** Awards under this solicitation will be made under the authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, (Pub. L. No. 116-93).

Funding for Purpose Area 2 of this solicitation is anticipated under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Program authorization provides that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (“Omnibus”) may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus upon a determination that it is necessary “to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime.” 34 U.S.C. § 10157(b)(1).

#### Program-specific Information

SPI encourages and increases the use of science in criminal justice operations by leveraging analysis, technology, and evidence-based practices to improve performance and effectiveness.

To support the crime reduction problem identified by the applicant, the program funds the following:

- New personnel
- Overtime
- Software and/or hardware technology purchases
- Data analysis support

**Purpose Area 1** of this solicitation seeks to fund projects that implement and test innovative approaches to operational challenges and violent crime reduction.

**Purpose Area 2** seeks to fund projects that implement technology-driven justice information-sharing solutions at the state, local, territorial, and tribal levels that result in significant cost and

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<sup>1</sup> For this solicitation, “justice information-sharing technology” refers to any technology (hardware and/or software, hosted residentially or remotely) that plays a role in the collection, storage, sharing, and analysis of criminal justice data.

time savings and enhance criminal justice policies and practices that promote public safety and reduce crime.

### **Encouraging Program Investments that coordinate with Project Guardian**

Under this program, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate how this project will directly support Project Guardian, including a letter of interest from their US Attorney. At a minimum, the letter should indicate that the applicant has discussed their plans to apply for this grant with the US Attorney's Office and agreed to regular communication with the Office to determine any potential for collaborative efforts with Project Guardian. For more information regarding Project Guardian, please see <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barr-announces-launch-project-guardian-nationwide-strategic-plan> or contact the local United States Attorney's office. BJA may also prioritize applications that propose to reduce criminal gang activity in rural communities. Information on SPI grant recipients and resources may be found at [www.strategiesforpolicinginnovation.com](http://www.strategiesforpolicinginnovation.com).

### **Objectives and Deliverables**

The objectives of SPI are to:

- Advance the state of policing practice and science.
- Test, establish, and/or expand innovative new ideas and evidence-based programming in police agencies.
- Establish sustainable practitioner-researcher partnerships.
- Foster effective and consistent collaborations to increase public safety.
- Use technology, intelligence, and data in innovative ways.

This program's required deliverables are:

- An action plan produced by the grantee at the outset of each project that includes the project's problem analysis, summary of strategies and intended outcomes.
- A final analysis report of the project's implementation and outcomes submitted to BJA at the conclusion of the project.

Applicants may submit an application under the following purpose areas. Applicants may submit an application to more than one purpose area; however, they must not be identical or duplicative in terms of focus areas, approaches, and/or methodologies.

### **PURPOSE AREA 1: SUPPORTING INNOVATION. COMPETITION ID: BJA-2020-17029**

Applications are solicited from eligible entities interested in **developing innovative, data-driven approaches** to challenges currently confronting law enforcement agencies. Applicants will:

- Describe the innovative, data-driven approach to be implemented.
- Identify a specific crime problem to address.
- Develop a prevention, mitigation, or response strategy to address the problem.
- Assess and report the results to BJA, which will make the results publicly available.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to focus on issues likely to be confronted by other law enforcement agencies in the United States.

**PURPOSE AREA 2: RESPONDING TO PRECIPITOUS INCREASES IN CRIME THROUGH APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES AND/OR IMPROVED JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING.**  
**COMPETITION ID: BJA-2020-17030**

Applications are solicited from eligible entities that are experiencing precipitous increases in crime or in a type or types of crime within their jurisdictions and propose to implement and test applied justice information-sharing technology designed to respond to these crime increases and to improve criminal justice data exchange. Applicants are asked to define their unique challenges and the associated impact on local communities, and to provide a comprehensive plan for using applied justice information-sharing technology to reduce or mitigate the crime problem(s).

In order to be considered for an award, applicants must clearly identify how the funding will directly address a precipitous or extraordinary increase in crime(s) or a type or types of crime in the jurisdiction. Specifically, applicants must:

- Identify a crime that has **precipitously increased** within the jurisdiction.
- Identify the period of time during which the crime or relevant category of crime increased and provide evidence substantiating the claimed increase.
- Describe the law enforcement and/or justice information-sharing solution or technology to be implemented that will address the identified crime increase and drive its reduction.
- Describe how they will determine the effectiveness of the information-sharing solution.
- Describe how they will develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to reduce and prevent the identified crime(s).
- Describe how they will assess and report the results to BJA, which will make the results publicly available.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to focus on law enforcement and/or justice information-sharing or applied technology initiatives that will provide information likely to be of benefit to other law enforcement agencies in the United States.

Please note that the goal of Purpose Area 2 is to support innovative applications of technology to increase public safety. Any proposed purchase of new equipment must be directly related to the applicant's strategy to respond to and reduce the identified precipitous increase in crime(s).

It is BJA's expectation that the justice information-sharing solutions implemented under Purpose Area 2 will leverage the components of the Global Standards Package (GSP), which includes the Global Reference Architecture, the National Information Exchange Model, Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management, and the Global Privacy Technology Framework. For more information about GSP, visit <https://it.ojp.gov/gsp>.

Finally, it is BJA's expectation that the justice information-sharing solutions implemented under Purpose Area 2 will be based on comprehensive privacy policies, where applicable. For more information on privacy guidance available from BJA, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/library/publications/list> and search for "privacy."

SPI grantees are required to work closely with BJA and BJA's training and technical assistance (TTA) partner; specifically, to participate in information-sharing sessions; facilitate peer-to-peer exchanges of information; access subject expertise that is relevant to specific SPI projects; and produce reports on lessons learned from the SPI community.

The Objectives and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed in Section D. Application and Submission Information, under [Program Narrative](#).

### **OJP Priority Areas**

In FY 2020, and in addition to executing any OJP policy prioritization that may be applicable, priority consideration will be given to applications as follows:

- Applications from federally recognized tribes.
  
- Applications that go to enhancing criminal justice and public safety by indicating agreement to comply with one or more of the following law enforcement-related award conditions:
  - Where the application is from a State or local government entity that operates at least one correctional facility (as defined at 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)), applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to cooperation with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix B.
  
  - Where the application is from a State or local government entity, applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to noninterference with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix C.
  
  - Where the application is from a State or local government entity, applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to nondisclosure of federal law enforcement information, as set forth in Appendix D.

To receive priority consideration for enhancing criminal justice and public safety by agreeing to comply with one or more award conditions related to law enforcement, applicants can agree to one or more of a series of award conditions (and will receive priority points for each accepted condition):

- To receive priority consideration under the priority for cooperation with federal law enforcement, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix B.
- To receive priority consideration under the priority for noninterference with federal law enforcement, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix C.
- To receive priority consideration under the priority for nondisclosure of federal law-enforcement information, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix D.
- Applications that support the project's support of Project Guardian, and include a letter of interest from their US Attorney.
- Applications that propose to reduce criminal gang activity in rural communities.

### **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	10
Estimated maximum dollar amount for each award	\$700,000
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under the solicitation	\$7,000,000
Period of performance start date	October 1, 2020
Period of performance duration	36 Months

Once awarded, each grant award will have in place a special condition withholding all but \$100,000, which is designated for grantees to establish an action plan within 90 days of the date of the initial funding release. The action plan must:

- Describe the problem and the data that led to its identification.
- Include a methodology and description of the strategies or justice information-sharing technology or approach to be implemented and its anticipated results.
- Demonstrate executive support and commitment of agency resources to the project.
- Include letters of commitment from external agencies or organizations that are expected to participate in the project.

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and progress of award-funded work, when making continuation-award decisions.

Under this solicitation, only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered. An entity may, however, be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2020 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

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 awards under this solicitation as grants. 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).

## **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 Requirements<sup>2</sup> 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.

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

[Pre-agreement Costs \(also known as Pre-award Costs\)](#)

[Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver](#)

[Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs](#)

[Costs Associated with Language Assistance \(if applicable\)](#)

## **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**

The following application elements MUST be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding: Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet, and Budget Narrative.

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

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

## 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 subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Intergovernmental\\_-\\_Review\\_-\\_SPOC\\_01\\_2018\\_OFFM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Intergovernmental_-_Review_-_SPOC_01_2018_OFFM.pdf). If the applicant's State appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the State SPOC to find obtain information about and comply with the State's process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant whose State appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19 once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. (An applicant whose State does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the response that the: "Program is subject to E.O. 12372, but has not been selected by the State for review.").

## 2. Project Abstract

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 Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

## 3. Program Narrative

The program narrative must respond to the solicitation in the order given. The Program Narrative should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins, and should not exceed 12 pages. Number pages "1 of 12," "2 of 12," etc. Charts and graphs may be included in the narrative, and may be single-spaced and feature smaller fonts as necessary to present the included data.

If the program narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, BJA may negatively 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 Issue
- b. Project Design and Implementation
- c. Capabilities and Competencies
- d. Plan for Collecting, Analyzing, and Reporting 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](http://www.ojp.gov/performance) for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

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.

Award recipients will be required to provide the relevant data by submitting quarterly performance metrics through BJA's online Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) located at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/>.

Examples of the types of performance and accountability data that will be required can be found at [https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/SPI\\_Questionnaire\\_Jun\\_16.pdf](https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/SPI_Questionnaire_Jun_16.pdf). BJA is revising the performance measures for this program, and they will be shared with grantees upon acceptance of their awards.

#### **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](#).

**Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:**

4. [Budget Information and Associated Documentation](#) in the "Budget Preparation and Submission Information" section.
5. [Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#)
6. [Tribal Authorizing Resolution](#) (if applicable)
7. [Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including applicant disclosure of high-risk status\)](#)
8. [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#)
9. [Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications](#)
10. [Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees](#)<sup>3</sup> (if applicable)
11. [Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity](#)

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

## **12. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation**

### **13. Additional Attachments**

**a. Certifications Regarding Enhancing Criminal Justice and Public Safety through Law-Enforcement-Related Award Conditions (if applicable)**

**b. Certification regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to state or local government entity applicants that operate at least one correctional facility (as defined at 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)), and agree to comply with award conditions related to cooperation with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix B. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such cooperation with federal law enforcement must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix B.

**c. Certification regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to state or local government entity applicants that agree to comply with award conditions related to noninterference with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix C. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such noninterference with federal law enforcement must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix C.

**d. Certification regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law Enforcement Information (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to state or local government entity applicants that agree to comply with award conditions related to nondisclosure of federal law-enforcement information, as set forth in Appendix D. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such nondisclosure of law enforcement sensitive information must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix D.

**e. Timeline**

Attach a project timeline that includes each project objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization.

**f. Letter of Support from Chief Executive of the Law Enforcement Agency**

Attach a letter of support signed by the chief executive of the applicant law enforcement agency that states their support of the project.

**g. Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients**

Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes the name, organizational affiliation, and location of the proposed subrecipient entity.

**h. Résumés**

Attach the résumés of key project staff and the identified research partner(s), where applicable.

## 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 #16.738**, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Strategies for Policing Innovation
2. **Select the correct Competition ID.** Some OJP solicitations posted to Grants.gov contain multiple purpose areas, denoted by the individual Competition ID. If applying to a solicitation with multiple Competition IDs, select the appropriate Competition ID for the intended purpose area of the application:

**Purpose Area 1:** Supporting Innovation. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17029

**Purpose Area 2:** Responding to Precipitous Increases in Crime Through Applied Technologies and/or Improved Justice Information Sharing. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17030

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 (20 percent)

For both purpose areas: Provide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and/or population served data and describe the crime challenges of the jurisdiction. If the applicant jurisdiction is a Project Guardian site, please state that in this section. Any data provided should be verifiable and/or contained in official records. Identify the specific crime problem the jurisdiction seeks to address. Describe the process used to assess, analyze, or determine the nature of the crime or type of crime problem. Please indicate if the proposed project will directly support Project Guardian.

For Purpose Area 2 only: Identify the type of crime that is experiencing a precipitous increase and the timeframe within which the crime increased, and provide data substantiating the increase.

#### 2. Project Design and Implementation (35 percent)

Describe the proposed project activities that will be linked to its goals. BJA expects agencies to be able to illustrate that the approach had an effect on the chronic crime problem and/or organizational effectiveness.

Describe the current level of readiness to implement the proposed project as well as any issues or challenges related to implementation readiness and explain how these will be addressed through this project.

Describe specifically how the proposed project will accomplish the expected outcomes by providing the objectives and performance measures applicable to the project. Include a comprehensive timeline (as an attachment) that identifies milestones, numerically lists deliverables, and indicates who is responsible for each activity.

Explain how the proposed project can be used as a promising practice by other agencies that may be experiencing the same type of crime problems. Also, identify any aspects of the project that may be replicable for other agencies.

Describe how information and updates about the SPI project will be disseminated within the applicant agency throughout the life of the award. The goal of this dissemination strategy must be the sustainment of strategies and practices that are successful.

Identify additional resources necessary for successful project completion such as outside organizational partners, state or local practitioner groups, etc.

**3. Capabilities and Competencies (20 percent)**

Fully describe the applicant's capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project. In addition, describe and demonstrate the applicant's crime and criminal intelligence analysis capacity. Specifically, the applicant should:

- Describe the level of agency executive support for the project and the nature and extent of command staff's involvement in the project.
- For Purpose Area 2 only: Demonstrate sound knowledge of GSP and describe any current or previous experience using GSP to enhance information sharing.

**4. Plan for Collecting, Analyzing, and Reporting the Data Required for the Solicitation's Performance Measures (15 percent)**

Describe the process and methods for measuring and tracking project performance, to include a description of (1) the expected results related to the implementation and outcomes of the selected project strategy, and how those results will be validated and (2) the process and methods for collecting the required performance metrics and submitting them to BJA in accordance with the requirements of this solicitation.

Applicants must identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance and outcome measurement, and how the information will be used to guide the project. Describe the process to accurately report implementation and outcome information.

**5. Budget (10 percent):**

The budget must be 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 project.<sup>4</sup>

Applicants should budget travel and lodging expenses for four-person SPI project teams to attend three 2-day meetings during the 36-month project period. The meetings may be held in the Washington, D.C. area or other regions of the country.

## **Review Process**

BJA reviews an application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation requirements.

The following five paragraphs in this solicitation expressly modify the “Application Review Information” provisions in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. An applicant is to follow the guidance in these five paragraphs instead of the guidance stated under the “Application Review Information” heading in the Guide.

Peer reviewers will review the applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements. For purposes of assessing whether an application meets basic minimum requirements and should proceed to further consideration, OJP screens applications for compliance with those requirements. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all solicitations for funding under OJP programs:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

For a list of the application elements that **MUST** be included in the application submission in order for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements, see “[What an Application Should Include](#)” under Section D. Application and Submission Information.

Peer review panels will evaluate, score, and rate applications that meet basic minimum requirements. BJA may use internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination, to assess applications on technical merit using the solicitation’s review criteria. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the subject matter of a given solicitation who is not a current DOJ employee. An internal reviewer is a current DOJ employee who is well versed or has expertise in the subject of this solicitation. Peer reviewers’ ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only, although reviewer views are considered carefully.

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to enhancing criminal justice and public safety through award conditions regarding cooperation with federal law enforcement, noninterference with federal law enforcement, and/or nondisclosure of federal law enforcement information), potential project sustainability factors, available funding, and the extent to which the Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative accurately explain project

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. .

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

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).

**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**

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

### **Federal Award Notices**

#### **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.

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).

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

### **Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses**

#### **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**

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

[Freedom of Information and Privacy Act \(5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a\)](#)

[Provide Feedback to OJP](#)

## **Appendix A: Application Checklist**

### Strategies for Policing Innovation

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

##### *To Register with Grants.gov:*

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

##### *To Find Funding Opportunity:*

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Select the correct Competition ID (see page 13)
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [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](http://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm) (see [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 [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

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

- Contact BJA regarding technical difficulties (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

#### **Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:**

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2020 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

#### **Scope Requirement:**

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$700,000.

**Eligibility Requirement:** The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies
- Governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as their fiscal agent
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions, tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes (including tribal consortia operated as nonprofit organizations) acting as a fiscal agent for one or more tribal law enforcement agencies

**What an Application Should Include:**

The following items are critical application elements required to pass Basic Minimum Requirements review. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements that must be included in the application submission in order for the application to meet the basic minimum requirements, will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- Program Narrative (see page 10)
- Budget Detail Worksheet including Budget Narrative (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Intergovernmental Review (see page 10)
- Project Abstract (see page 10)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

**Additional Attachments:**

- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Certifications regarding enhancing criminal justice and public safety through law-enforcement-related award conditions (if applicable) (see page 12)
- Certification regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable) (see page 12)
- Certification regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable) (see page 12)
- Certification regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law-Enforcement Information (if applicable) (see page 12)
- Timeline (see page 12)
- Letter of Support from Chief Executive of the Law Enforcement Agency (see page 12)
- If seeking Project Guardian priority consideration, include a letter of interest from the United States Attorney that demonstrates how this project will directly support Project Guardian.
- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients (see page 12)
- Résumés (see page 12)

## Appendix B

### Certification Regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), the following:

1. The State or local government applicant entity named below operates at least one correctional facility (that is, operates at least one "place for the confinement or rehabilitation of offenders or individuals charged with or convicted of criminal offenses" (34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7))).
2. The applicant agrees to comply with the following four award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by this award, as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance for the award. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. Noninterference with statutory law enforcement access to correctional facilities

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes and regulations -- including 8 U.S.C. 1357(a), under which certain federal officers and employees "have power without warrant ... to interrogate any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his right to be or to remain in the United States," and 8 C.F.R. 287.5(a), under which that power may be exercised "anywhere in or outside the United States" -- within the funded program or activity, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may interfere with the exercise of that power to interrogate "without warrant" (by agents of the United States acting under color of federal law) by impeding access to any State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility by such agents for the purpose of "interrogat[ing] any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his [or her] right to be or to remain in the United States."

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

### 3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

### 4. Rules of construction

#### A. For purposes of this condition:

(1) The term "alien" means what it means under section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (see 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(3)), except that, with respect to a juvenile offender, it means "criminal alien."

(2) The term "juvenile offender" means what it means under 28 C.F.R. 31.304(f) (as in effect on Jan. 1, 2020).

(3) The term "criminal alien" means, with respect to a juvenile offender, an alien who is deportable on the basis of—

(a) conviction described in section 237(a)(2) of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)), or

(b) conduct described in section 237(a)(4) of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)).

(4) The term "conviction" means what it means under section 101 of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(48)). (Adjudication of a juvenile as having committed an offense does not constitute "conviction" for purposes of this condition.)

(5) The term "correctional facility" means what it means under the title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (see 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)) as of January 1, 2020.

(6) The term "impede" includes taking or continuing any action, or implementing or maintaining any law, policy, rule, or practice, that—

(a) is designed to prevent or to significantly delay or complicate, or

(b) has the effect of preventing or of significantly delaying or complicating.

(7) "State" and "local government" include any agency or other entity thereof (including any public institution of higher education), but not any Indian tribe.

(8) A "public" institution of higher education is defined as one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded (in whole or in substantial part) by a State or local government. (Such a public institution is considered to be a "government entity," and its officials to be "government officials.")

(9) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens

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2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

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(9) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

**CONDITION 3: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Notice of scheduled release**



SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by the award, as of the date the recipient accepts the award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward at any tier.

#### 1. Noninterference with "removal" process: Notice of scheduled release date and time

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes -- including 8 U.S.C. 1231 (for an alien incarcerated by a State or local government, a 90-day "removal period" during which the federal government "shall" detain and then "shall" remove an alien from the U.S. "begins" no later than "the date the alien is released from ... confinement"; also, the federal government is expressly authorized to make payments to a "State or a political subdivision of the State ... with respect to the incarceration of [an] undocumented criminal alien"); 8 U.S.C. 1226 (the federal government "shall take into custody" certain criminal aliens "when the alien is released"); and 8 U.S.C. 1366 (requiring an annual report to Congress on "the number of illegal alien[ felons] in Federal and State prisons" and programs underway "to ensure the prompt removal" from the U.S. of removable "criminal aliens") -- within the funded program or activity, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official (including a government-contracted correctional facility) may interfere with the "removal" process by failing to provide -- as early as practicable (see para. 4.C. below) -- advance notice to DHS of the scheduled release date and time for a particular alien, if a State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility receives from DHS a formal written request pursuant to the INA that seeks such advance notice.

#### 2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

#### 3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

#### 4. Rules of construction

A. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, or any other entity or individual to maintain (or detain) any individual in custody beyond the date and time the individual otherwise would have been released.

#### B. Applicability

(1) Current DHS practice is ordinarily to request advance notice of scheduled release "as early as practicable (at least 48 hours, if possible)." (See DHS Form I-247A (3/17)). If (e.g., in light of the date DHS made such request) the scheduled release date and time for an alien are such as not to allow for the advance notice that DHS has requested, it shall NOT be a violation of this condition to provide only as much advance notice as practicable.

(2) Current DHS practice is to use the same form for a second, distinct purpose -- to request that an individual be detained for up to 48 hours AFTER the scheduled release. This condition does NOT encompass such DHS requests for detention.

C. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens" award condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 4: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: Notice of scheduled release

SCOPE. This condition applies as of the date the recipient accepts the award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward at any tier.

1. No use of funds to interfere with "removal" process: Notice of scheduled release date and time

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes -- including 8 U.S.C. 1231 (for an alien incarcerated by a State or local government, a 90-day "removal period" during which the federal government "shall" detain and then "shall" remove an alien from the U.S. "begins" no later than "the date the alien is released from ... confinement"; also, the federal government is expressly authorized to make payments to a "State or a political subdivision of the State ... with respect to the incarceration of [an] undocumented criminal alien"); 8 U.S.C. 1226 (the federal government "shall take into custody" certain criminal aliens "when the alien is released"); and 8 U.S.C. 1366 (requiring an annual report to Congress on "the number of illegal alien[ felons] in Federal and State prisons" and programs underway "to ensure the prompt removal" from the U.S. of removable "criminal aliens") -- no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official (including a government-contracted correctional facility) may use funds under this award to interfere with the "removal" process by failing to provide -- as early as practicable (see para. 4.C. below) -- advance notice to DHS of the scheduled release date and time for a particular alien, if a State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility receives from DHS a formal written request pursuant to the INA that seeks such advance notice.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, or any other entity or individual to maintain (or detain) any individual in custody beyond the date and time the individual otherwise would have been released.

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Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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Name of State or Local Government Applicant Entity

## Appendix C

### Certification Regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), the following:

The applicant agrees to comply with the following four award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance

1. With respect to the "program or activity" funded in whole or part under this award (including any such program or activity of any subrecipient at any tier), throughout the period of performance, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may prohibit or in any way restrict-- (1) any government entity or -official from sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status to/from DHS; or (2) a government entity or -agency from sending, requesting or receiving, or exchanging information regarding immigration status to/from/with DHS, or from maintaining such information. Any prohibition (or restriction) that violates this condition is an "information-communication restriction" under this award.

2. The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements of this condition.

3. Allowable costs. Compliance with these requirements is an authorized and priority purpose of this award. To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) that the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education, incurs to implement this condition.

4. Rules of Construction

A. For purposes of this condition:

(1) "State" and "local government" include any agency or other entity thereof (including any public institution of higher education), but not any Indian tribe.

(2) A "public" institution of higher education is defined as one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded (in whole or in substantial part) by a State or local government. (Such a public institution is considered to be a "government entity," and its officials to be "government officials.")

(3) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

(4) "Immigration status" means what it means under 8 U.S.C. 1373 and 8 U.S.C. 1644; and terms that are defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that "State" also includes American Samoa.

(5) "DHS" means the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance

1. Throughout the period of performance, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may use funds under this award (including under any subaward, at any tier) to prohibit or in any way restrict-- (1) any government entity or -official from sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status to/from DHS; or (2) a government entity or -agency from sending, requesting or receiving, or exchanging information regarding immigration status to/from/with DHS, or from maintaining such information. Any prohibition (or restriction) that violates this condition is an "information-communication restriction" under this award.

2. The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements of this condition.

3. Allowable costs. Compliance with these requirements is an authorized and priority purpose of this award. To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) that the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education, incurs to implement this condition.

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B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 3: Authority to obligate award funds contingent on noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; unallowable costs; notification

1. If the recipient is a "State," a local government, or a "public" institution of higher education:

A. The recipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the "program or activity" of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any "information-communication restriction."

B. In addition, with respect to any project costs it incurs "at risk," the recipient may not obligate award funds to reimburse itself if -- at the time it incurs such costs -- the program or activity of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that would be reimbursed in whole or in part with award funds was subject to any information-communication restriction.

C. Any drawdown of award funds by the recipient shall be considered, for all purposes, to be a material representation by the recipient to OJP that, as of the date the recipient requests the drawdown, the recipient and each subrecipient (regardless of tier) that is a State, local government, or public institution of higher education, is in compliance with the award condition

entitled "Noninterference (within the funded 'program or activity') with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance."

D. The recipient must promptly notify OJP (in writing) if the recipient, from its requisite monitoring of compliance with award conditions or otherwise, has credible evidence that indicates that the funded program or activity of the recipient, or of any subrecipient at any tier that is either a State or a local government or a public institution of higher education, may be subject to any information-communication restriction. In addition, any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must require prompt notification to the entity that made the subaward, should the subrecipient have such credible evidence regarding an information-communication restriction.

2. Any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must provide that the subrecipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the program or activity of the subrecipient (or of any further such subrecipient at any tier) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any information-communication restriction.

3. Absent an express written determination by DOJ to the contrary, based upon a finding by DOJ of compelling circumstances (e.g., a small amount of award funds obligated by the recipient at the time of a subrecipient's minor and transitory non-compliance, which was unknown to the recipient despite diligent monitoring), any obligations of award funds that, under this condition, may not be made shall be unallowable costs for purposes of this award. In making any such determination, DOJ will give great weight to evidence submitted by the recipient that demonstrates diligent monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" award condition.

#### 4. Rules of Construction

A. For purposes of this condition "information-communication restriction" has the meaning set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" condition.

B. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 4: Authority to obligate award funds contingent on no use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; unallowable costs; notification

1. If the recipient is a "State," a local government, or a "public" institution of higher education:

A. The recipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the "program or activity" of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or

a public institution of higher education) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any "information-communication restriction."

B. In addition, with respect to any project costs it incurs "at risk," the recipient may not obligate award funds to reimburse itself if -- at the time it incurs such costs -- the program or activity of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that would be reimbursed in whole or in part with award funds was subject to any information-communication restriction.

C. Any drawdown of award funds by the recipient shall be considered, for all purposes, to be a material representation by the recipient to OJP that, as of the date the recipient requests the drawdown, the recipient and each subrecipient (regardless of tier) that is a State, local government, or public institution of higher education, is in compliance with the award condition entitled "No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance."

D. The recipient must promptly notify OJP (in writing) if the recipient, from its requisite monitoring of compliance with award conditions or otherwise, has credible evidence that indicates that the funded program or activity of the recipient, or of any subrecipient at any tier that is either a State or a local government or a public institution of higher education, may be subject to any information-communication restriction. In addition, any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must require prompt notification to the entity that made the subaward, should the subrecipient have such credible evidence regarding an information-communication restriction.

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## Appendix D

### **Certification Regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law-Enforcement Information**

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), U.S. Department of Justice (“USDOJ”), the following:

The applicant agrees to comply with the following two award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

**CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: No public disclosure of certain law-enforcement-sensitive information**

**SCOPE.** This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by the award, as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

**1. Noninterference: No public disclosure of federal law-enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield**

Consistent with the purposes and objectives of federal law enforcement statutes and federal criminal law (including 8 U.S.C. 1324 and 18 U.S.C. chs. 1, 49, 227), no public disclosure may be made of any federal law-enforcement information in a direct or indirect attempt to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection any fugitive from justice under 18 U.S.C. ch. 49, or any alien who has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. ch. 12 -- without regard to whether such disclosure would constitute (or could form a predicate for) a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1071 or 1072 or of 8 U.S.C. 1324(a).

**2. Monitoring**

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

**3. Allowable costs**

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

#### 4. Rules of construction

##### A. For purposes of this condition--

(1) the term "alien" means what it means under section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (see 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(3));

(2) the term "federal law-enforcement information" means law-enforcement-sensitive information communicated or made available, by the federal government, to a State or local government entity, -agency, or -official, through any means, including, without limitation-- (1) through any database, (2) in connection with any law enforcement partnership or -task-force, (3) in connection with any request for law enforcement assistance or -cooperation, or (4) through any deconfliction (or courtesy) notice of planned, imminent, commencing, continuing, or impending federal law enforcement activity;

(3) the term "law-enforcement-sensitive information" means records or information compiled for any law-enforcement purpose; and

(4) the term "public disclosure" means any communication or release other than one-- (a) within the recipient, or (b) to any subrecipient (at any tier) that is a government entity.

B. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" award condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: No public disclosure of certain law-enforcement-sensitive information

SCOPE. This condition applies as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. No use of funds to interfere: No public disclosure of federal law-enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield

Consistent with the purposes and objectives of federal law enforcement statutes and federal criminal law (including 8 U.S.C. 1324 and 18 U.S.C. chs. 1, 49, 227), no funds under this award may be used to make any public disclosure of any federal law-enforcement information in a direct or indirect attempt to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection any fugitive from justice under 18 U.S.C. ch. 49, or any alien who has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. ch. 12 -- without regard to whether such disclosure would constitute (or could form a predicate for) a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1071 or 1072 or of 8 U.S.C. 1324(a).

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Printed Name

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