

## **Want To Become a Certified PREA Auditor? DOJ Is Seeking Candidates Now!**

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications from qualified individuals interested in being certified as a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Auditor. DOJ will train and certify selected individuals to conduct PREA audits using the PREA audit instrument. To fully implement the national PREA standards, confinement agencies must have access to an adequate number of qualified individuals certified by DOJ to conduct PREA compliance audits.

The [National PREA Resource Center \(PRC\)](#), funded by a cooperative agreement between BJA and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, is coordinating the PREA auditor application process and invites all qualified individuals to [submit applications online](#) to become DOJ-certified PREA auditors. Forthcoming trainings will consist of an open application process that is available to the public for interested individuals. While the next PREA Auditors training event scheduled for November is now closed, six additional trainings are scheduled for 2014.

In addition to the completion of an online application, qualified individuals must submit a current resume/curriculum vitae; two letters of reference; an official transcript or letter from an academic institution that confirms the applicant's highest diploma, degree, or academic achievement; and a recent photograph that meets U.S. passport criteria.

### **PREA Audit Information**

A new "Audit" section has been added to the PRC web site. The PRC will also use this section to issue continuing guidance and information related to the overall audit process.

Visit the [audit tab](#) of the PRC's website to obtain additional information and learn more about the audit process, auditor qualifications, certification requirements, and other information.

### **Is Your Agency Looking for DOJ-Certified PREA Auditors?**

On June 20, 2012, DOJ published the Final Rule creating the PREA standards that seek to prevent sexual abuse and to reduce the harm that it causes. To be compliant with the standards, all confinement facilities covered under the PREA standards must be audited at least every 3 years. These facilities include adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups, and community confinement facilities, whether operated by DOJ or a unit of a state, local, corporate, or nonprofit authority. The first 3-year audit cycle began August 20, 2013.

Through the PREA Resource Center's web site there is currently a "[List of Certified Auditors](#)" who can be contacted to inquire about and arrange for a PREA audit for scheduling a potential audit examination. This list is searchable by specific PREA certification type, city, or state. If more detailed communication is needed, entities can contact individuals directly to acquire more information. Additional names will be listed as pending certifications are finalized.

**NOTE:**

Neither the Department of Justice nor the PREA Resource Center will be involved with the contracting, scheduling, or fee schedules associated with PREA audits.

Certified PREA auditors will perform the PREA audits as an independent contractor unless they have or create an arrangement to conduct audits through another entity, such as their current employer, an external governmental entity, the American Correctional Association (ACA), or other accreditation body.

For more information, visit [list of certified PREA auditors](#) on the PREA Resource Center's web site.

