Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination Telemedicine Center: An Innovative Pilot Project

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Introduction

• Purpose: To walk you through the solicitation and respond to your questions.

• This is not a seminar on telemedicine and sexual assault forensic evidence collection!
Office for Victims of Crime

- Administers the Crime Victims Fund (the Fund).
- Supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.
National Institute of Justice

- Research, development, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Justice
- Social science, technology, and forensic science
- Build knowledge on crime and justice
- Disseminate to the field
What is the Purpose of this Solicitation?

To provide live 24-hour access through telemedicine technology to SANEs or other expert medical forensic examiners for 4 pilot sites which may include rural, tribal, military, and corrections.
Who’s Eligible to Apply?

- States or units of local government
- Sexual assault examination programs
  - SANE programs
  - SAFE programs
  - SARTS
  - State sexual assault coalitions
- Medical personnel (including doctors, medical examiners, coroners, and nurses), involved in treating victims of sexual assault
- Victim service providers involved in treating victims of sexual assault
Additional Eligibility Requirements

• Demonstrate capability to provide national scope training and technical assistance
• Include sufficient partners to address necessary technology, evaluation, and relevant specific populations
Goals

• Create a national telemedicine center for sexual assault forensic exams
• Open 24/7 with highly experienced SANEs or SAFES
• Have technological capability to directly assist in exams conducted at the pilot sites
Deliverables

- Protocols and procedures for operation of the center
- Solicitation for selection of pilot sites
- Staffing plan for the telemedicine center
- Technology and equipment purchase and installation
- Process evaluation
A process evaluation documents and analyzes the early development and implementation of the program, assessing whether the strategies were implemented as planned and whether expected output was produced.
Process Evaluation (cont’d)

• Outputs
  – Number of victims served
  – Number of sexual assaults reported to LE
  – Prosecution outcomes

• Other elements
  – Description of program environment
  – Description of program operations
  – Documentation
How This Will Work

• OVC will make a single award of up to $3.5M
• The first year will be a planning year. During this time the successful grantee will:
  – Issue a solicitation in consultation with OVC for selection of the pilot sites
  – Develop protocols and procedures
  – Identify, purchase, and install technology
  – Begin the process evaluation
OVC Workshop

• There will be a workshop at OVC within the first 60 days of the grant.
• This should be included in the budget of the application
Memorandum of Understanding

• Application **must** contain an MOU with the proposed partners

• The MOU must demonstrate cooperation with partners for the following:
  – Technological capability
  – Process evaluation
  – Relevant specific victim populations
Time Frame

• May 8, 2012: Solicitation closes
• May-June: Peer review and award decisions
• September: Final award decisions announced
• October: Research project begins
• December: Workshop in Washington DC
• October, 2013: Implementation phase begins
Resources

• OVC Web site: www.ovc.gov
• NIJ Web site: www.nij.gov
• FAQs will be coming
• Webinar will be online
• Further reading on sexual assault and telemedicine