



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of Justice Programs

*Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

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*Washington, D.C. 20531*

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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

**RE: Invitation to Apply for Funding under OJJDP FY 15 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces – Forensic Capacity Hiring Program for Wounded Veterans**

Dear ICAC Task Force Commander:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is announcing the **OJJDP FY 15 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces – Forensic Capacity Hiring Program for Wounded Veterans** funding opportunity available to existing OJJDP ICAC task forces. Your ICAC task force is eligible to apply for funding to support a digital forensic analyst position. Agencies will be required to select personnel for the position from a pool of eligible Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps candidates. Consideration of other identified wounded, ill or injured veteran candidates may be permitted in cases where agencies were unable to fill the position with a HERO candidate. For information on the Department of Homeland Security HERO program and forensic qualifications of eligible HERO interns, please visit <http://www.ice.gov/hero>. Funds may support salary and benefits costs, equipment specifically needed for the position, and training deemed necessary for the position by the employing agency.

OJJDP will make four awards for as much as \$150,000 for up to a 36-month project period to begin October 1, 2015. Agencies will be required to fund the digital forensic analyst position for a minimum of 24 months. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. This letter is only an invitation to submit an application and is not a confirmation of funding or an indication of project approval.

This invitation does not require a match. However, if an 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.

The application should include a description of goals and activities related to the proposed project, including how the HERO candidate will help your ICAC Task Force more effectively

meet the need for forensic examination of evidence in cases of child exploitation. Specifically, applicants must explain how they will: 1) improve task force effectiveness to prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute Internet crimes against children and technology-facilitated child exploitation, 2) work to reduce forensic examination backlog, and/or increase the number of forensic exams completed during each six-month reporting period, and 3) undertake the application and hiring process for the position.

The application should also address performance measures for the proposed project. The relevant performance measures are listed in the solicitation attached to this email. Submission of performance measures data is not required for the application. Instead, applicants should discuss in their application their proposed methods for collecting data for performance measures.

Applicants must register in the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP's) electronic Grants Management System (GMS) prior to submitting an application for this invitation. The deadline to register in GMS is 11:59 p.m. eastern time on July 13, 2015, and the deadline to apply for funding under this invitation is 11:59 p.m. eastern time on July 13, 2015. See "How to Apply" in the attached guidance for complete instructions on registering and submitting an application through GMS, and details on the required application content and format.

I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your application for funding. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jacqueline O'Reilly by telephone at (202) 514-5024 or by email at [jacqueline.o'reilly@usdoj.gov](mailto:jacqueline.o'reilly@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure