

# 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



# 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](http://www.ovc.gov)
- NIJ Web site: [www.nij.gov](http://www.nij.gov)
- FAQs will be coming
- Webinar will be online
- Further reading on sexual assault and telemedicine