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FY 2010 Second Chance Act Grants:

- ❖ **Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders Program**
- ❖ **Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program**
- ❖ **Technology Careers Training Demonstration Project**

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Presentation Outline

- Overview of the Second Chance Act
- Section 201: Reentry Demonstration Projects Targeting Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders
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The Second Chance Act

- Public Law 110-199 signed into law on April 8, 2008
- Authorizes \$165 million for prisoner reentry programs in fiscal years 2009 and 2010
- Purpose: to help states and communities reduce recidivism



Second Chance Act – Funding Status

- The FY 2009 appropriations provided \$25 million for the administration of Second Chance Act programs.
- The FY2010 omnibus appropriations bill provides \$100 million for Second Chance programs, including:
 - (Sec. 201) \$13 million for reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration
 - (Sec. 113) \$7.5 million for family-based substance abuse treatment
 - (Sec. 115) \$5 million for technology careers training demonstration grants
- For additional current grant solicitations, visit:
<http://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/about/second-chance-act>

Second Chance Act

Section 201:

**Targeting Treatment to Incarcerated
and Reentering Individuals with
Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental
Health Disorders**

Section 201: Targeting Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

- The solicitation was released on April 19, 2010.
- Applications are due by 8:00 pm EDT on **June 3, 2010**.
- Solicitation is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceSAMHsol.pdf>.

Section 201: Targeting Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

- Section 201 of the Second Chance Act authorizes grants to States, units of local government, territories, and Indian tribes to improve the provision of substance use and mental health disorder treatment to individuals:
 - in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities during the period of incarceration **and**
 - through the completion of parole or other court supervision after release into the community.
 - BJA is seeking applications from eligible applicants to implement or expand offender treatment programs for re-entering offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.
- **Eligibility - Who Can Apply?**
 - Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local government, territories, and federally-recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).
 - Entities that do not meet this eligibility requirement (i.e. non-profit organizations, etc.) **are not eligible to apply for this solicitation.** However, eligible applicants must demonstrate partnerships with community-based substance abuse and mental health treatment programs to ensure coordinated reentry efforts and ongoing treatment and/or aftercare programming.

Section 201: Approved Uses

- Treatment of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders in prisons, jails and juvenile detention facilities
 - The term co-occurring disorders (COD) refers to co-occurring substance-related and mental disorders. Clients said to have COD have one or more substance-related disorders as well as one or more mental disorders.
 - At the individual level, COD exist “when at least one disorder of each type can be established independent of the other and is not simply a cluster of symptoms resulting from [a single] disorder.
- Use of screening instruments and assessment processes to determine criminogenic risk and appropriate intervention services and supervision level
- Cognitive-based treatment interventions that target criminogenic risk and needs factors
- Provision of substance use disorder and mental health treatment practices and services that have a demonstrated evidence-base, including integrated treatment for co-occurring disorders
- Transition planning procedures to ensure linkages to services and benefits

Section 201: Approved Uses

- Comprehensive range of recovery support, post-release and aftercare programs, including:
 - services that employ the cognitive, behavioral, and social learning techniques of modeling, role playing, reinforcement, resource provision, and cognitive restructuring;
 - educational, literacy, vocational, and job placement services, including supported employment;
 - housing;
 - physical health care services;
 - veteran-specific services as applicable;
 - programs that encourage safe, healthy, and responsible family and parent-child relationships and enhance family reunification, as appropriate; and
 - mentoring;
- Use of consistent pre- and post-release case management and supervision that is sustained over a period of at least six months
- Coordination of post-release treatment and aftercare, including information sharing and in-reach to prison, jails and juvenile facilities by community-based treatment providers.

Section 201: Mandatory Treatment Requirements

- Applicants must certify that the treatment program proposed:
 - is clinically-appropriate, will provide comprehensive treatment, and
 - has been developed in coordination with the Single State Authority for Substance Abuse and the State Mental Health Authority.
- Applicants should provide official documentation that collaborating service provider organizations are in compliance with requirements for licensing, accreditation and certification as appropriate.
- If an application is being submitted by a tribe then a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or council must be included.

Section 201: Mandatory Requirements

- Applicants must address one specific population of focus (i.e., juveniles or adults).
- Prison-based programs must provide residential treatment facilities set apart—in a completely separate facility or dedicated housing unit in a facility exclusively for use by participants—from the general correctional population.
- Individuals included in prison-based programs must be within 6–12 months before scheduled release to the community.
- Applicants must indicate how dual diagnosis treatment will be continued after individuals are released into the community.

Section 201: Priority Considerations

Priority consideration will be given to applicants that:

- Target higher-risk individuals who have been dually diagnosed with serious mental health disorders and substance use disorders using validated assessment tools.
- Demonstrate a high degree of collaboration among a variety of organizations, to include at a minimum:
 - the State Substance Abuse Authority,
 - the State Mental Health Authority, and
 - a provider organization for direct client integrated substance abuse and mental health treatment services.

Section 201: Priority Considerations

- Demonstrate effective case assessment and management abilities, including the following:
 - Using an actuarial-based assessment instrument for reentry planning that targets the criminogenic needs that affect recidivism
 - Provide sustained case management and services during incarceration and for at least 6 months in the community
 - Access to affordable and appropriate housing
 - Establishing pre-release planning procedures to ensure that eligibility for benefits is established before release and that individuals obtain necessary service referrals
 - Delivery of continuous and appropriate integrated drug and mental health treatment, medical care, job training and placement, housing, educational services, or any other service or support needed for successful reentry
- Focus their program on geographic areas with high rates of individuals returning to the community from prisons, jails, or juvenile detention facilities.

Section 201: Award Categories, Amount, and Length

- Applicants must apply in one of six categories, depending upon their jurisdictional status:
 - Category 1: Units or components of state government agencies serving adult offenders
 - Category 2: Units or components of county or city government agencies serving adult offenders
 - Category 3: Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native tribes and/or tribal organizations serving adult offenders
 - Category 4: Units or components of state government agencies serving juvenile offenders
 - Category 5: Units or components of county or city government agencies serving juvenile offenders
 - Category 6: Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native tribes and/or tribal organizations serving juvenile offenders.
- Awards under the initiative will be for a period of 24 months. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the number of offenders projected to be served, awards of up to \$600,000 will be made.

Section 201: Selection Criteria

- Statement of the Problem: 15%
- Project/Program Design and Implementation: 35%
- Capabilities and Competencies: 25%
- Budget: 10%
- Evaluation, Aftercare, Sustainment and Plan for Collecting Performance Measure Data: 15%

Section 201: Statement of the Problem

- Describe the problems with meeting the needs of adult or juveniles with substance use disorders who are returning to the community.
- Indicate the jurisdiction or tribal community being served, including information about the correctional facilities where proposed programming will occur.
- Provide information on the target population:
 - the number of individuals with co-occurring disorders within the correctional/detention facilities who are returning to community; and
 - any recidivism and substance use data available for target population
- Summarize the basic components of the current process for identifying risk/needs, availability of substance use disorder and mental health treatment services, reentry planning, linkages to community-based treatment providers, and case management.

Section 201: Program Design and Implementation

- Describe proposed activities that address the program goals and fall within one or more of the Approved Uses of Award Funds.
 - Treating co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders in prison programs, jails, and juvenile detention facilities,
 - Providing recovery support services, reentry planning and programming,
 - Post-release treatment and aftercare programming in the community.
- Describe aspects of your initiative that fulfill one or more of the Priority Considerations.

Section 201: Capabilities/Competencies

- Describe the management structure and staffing of the project, identifying the agency responsible for the project and the grant coordinator.
- Identify the organization(s) proposed to provide substance use disorder and other treatment services both within the correction facility and upon return to the community.
- Demonstrate the capability of the implementing agency and collaborative partners to implement the project, including gathering and analyzing information, developing a plan, and evaluating the program.
- Demonstrate partnerships with community-based substance use disorder and mental health treatment programs to ensure coordinated reentry efforts and ongoing treatment and/or aftercare programming.

Section 201: Budget

- **There is no match requirement under this solicitation.**
- Applicants must provide a proposed budget that is complete, allowable, and tied to the proposed activities.
- Limitation on Use of Administration, Performance Measurement, and Management Costs- No more than 20 percent of federal funds may be used for costs associated with program administration, data collection, performance measurement and assessment, and evaluation.
- Applicants must budget funding to travel to Department of Justice-sponsored grant meetings. Applicants should estimate the costs of travel and accommodations for three staff to attend two meetings in Washington D.C.

Section 201: Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation

- Describe the current ability to collect and analyze client-level performance and outcome data.
- Outline how and what data and information will be collected and analyzed to determine the effectiveness of the treatment programs implemented or enhanced and describe how randomized trials will be used where practicable.
- Describe how performance will be documented, monitored, and evaluated, and identify the impact of the strategy once implemented.
- Provide a per-person or unit cost of the project to be implemented.
- Describe process for assessing effectiveness of initiative through use of required performance metrics data.

Section 201: Sustainability

- Describe how evaluation and collaborative partnerships will be leveraged to build long-term support and resources for the program.
- Discuss:
 - how the effort will be integrated into the state or tribal justice system plans or commitments,
 - how the program will be financially sustained after federal funding ends, and
 - the expected long-term results for the program.

Section 201: Performance Measures

- Percent decrease in recidivism for the target population since the beginning of the initiative
 - Recidivism is defined as “a return to prison and/or jail with either a new conviction or as the result of a violation of the terms of supervision within 12 months of initial release.”
- Percent reduction in the crime rate
- Percent increase in employment among the target population from the previous reporting period
- Percent increase in the target population enrolled in educational programs
- Percent reduction in the number of violations of conditions of supervised release
- Percent increase in fulfillment of child support among target population
- Increase in the number of target population who have obtained housing
- Percent increase in participation in mental health and substance abuse services
- Percent reduction in drug usage and alcohol abuse and consumption among target population during the reporting period

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Section 201: Targeting Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

Question and Answer Session

Section Chance Act

Section 113: Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

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- The solicitation was released on April 19, 2010.
- Applications are due on by 8:00 pm EDT on **June 3, 2010**.
- Solicitation is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceFamilySAsol.pdf>.

Section 113: Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

- Section 113 of the Second Chance Act authorizes grants to states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes to:
 - improve the provision of substance use disorder treatment within prison and jails and after reentry for parents who have minor children and
 - provide outreach, treatment and other services to children and families of incarcerated parents.
- **Eligibility - Who Can Apply?**
 - Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).
 - Entities that do not meet this eligibility requirement (i.e. non-profit organizations, etc.) are not eligible to apply for this solicitation. However, eligible applicants are expected to form stakeholder partnerships that will plan, develop, and provide a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and related reentry services for the target populations.

Section 113: Approved Uses

- Development, implementation, and expansion of prison-based family treatment programs, which could include prison-based nursery programs
- Development, implementation, and expansion of residential substance abuse treatment for parents which include outreach and services to minor children and family members in the community
- Coordination between appropriate corrections facility representatives and other governmental agencies including social services and substance abuse and mental health agencies, as well as community treatment service providers
- Use of screening instruments and assessment processes to determine criminogenic risk and appropriate intervention services and supervision level
- Cognitive-based treatment interventions that target criminogenic risk and needs factors

Section 113: Approved Uses

- Provision of evidenced-based substance use disorder treatment services beginning within 6 months of release from prison and continuing after release in the community.
- Comprehensive range of recovery support, post-release and aftercare programs, including:
 - services that employ the cognitive, behavioral, and social learning techniques of modeling, role playing, reinforcement, resource provision, and cognitive restructuring;
 - educational, literacy, vocational, and job placement services, including supported employment;
 - housing;
 - physical health care services;
 - veteran-specific services as applicable;
 - programs that encourage safe, healthy, and responsible family and parent-child relationships and enhance family reunification, as appropriate; and
 - mentoring

Section 113: Approved Uses

- Use of consistent pre- and post-release case management and supervision sustained over a period of at least six months
- Coordination of post-release treatment and aftercare, including information sharing and jail and prison facility in-reach for community-based treatment providers.

Section 113: Mandatory Requirements

- Applicants must certify the treatment program proposed:
 - is clinically-appropriate, will provide comprehensive treatment, and
 - if the State Substance Abuse Authority (SSA) is not the applicant, has been developed in consultation with the SSA, except in the case of tribal government applicants.
- Applicants should provide official documentation that collaborating service provider organizations are in compliance with requirements for licensing, accreditation and certification as appropriate.
- If an application is being submitted by a tribe then a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or council must be included.
- Applicants should explain whether the facility in which the program is proposed reports data to the state substance abuse data collection system.

Section 113: Additional Requirements

- Applicants must indicate how minor children and family members of program participants will be identified, contacted, and engaged in service provision.
- A program for which a grant is made shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (1) integrate techniques to assess the strengths and needs of immediate and extended family of the parent to support the treatment plan;
 - (2) ensure that each participant in that program has access to consistent and uninterrupted care if transferred to a different correctional facility within the state or other relevant entity; and
 - (3) be located in an area separate from the general population of the prison.

Section 113: Priority Considerations

- Demonstrate a high degree of collaboration among a variety of organizations, to include at a minimum the State Substance Abuse Authority or an equivalent tribal entity, as appropriate, and a provider organization for direct client substance abuse treatment services appropriate to the proposed project.
- Include coordination with families of the incarcerated parent.
- Demonstrate effective case assessment and management abilities, including the following:
 - Using an actuarial-based assessment instrument for reentry planning that targets the criminogenic needs that affect recidivism
 - Provide sustained case management and services during incarceration and for at least 6 months in the community
 - Pre-release planning and transition housing
 - Establishing pre-release planning procedures to ensure that benefit eligibility is established before release and that individuals obtain necessary service referrals
 - Delivery of continuous and appropriate drug treatment, medical care, job training and placement, educational services, or any other service or support needed for successful reentry

Section 113: Priority Considerations

- Use swift, certain, graduated, and proportionate responses to violations of parole, probation, or supervision and effectively incorporate the use of community-based sanctions to respond to violation behavior.
- Provide for an independent evaluation of reentry programs that include, to the maximum extent possible, random assignment and controlled studies to determine the effectiveness of such programs.

Section 113: Award Categories, Amount, and Length

- Applicants must apply in one of two categories, depending upon their jurisdictional status.
 - Category 1: Units or components of state and local government agencies serving incarcerated adults.
 - Category 2: Federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native tribes and/or tribal organizations serving incarcerated adults.
- Contingent upon the availability of funds and the number of individuals to be served, awards of up to \$300,000 will be made for a period of up to 24 months.

Section 113: Selection Criteria

- Statement of the Problem: 15%
- Program Design and Implementation: 35%
- Capabilities/Competencies: 25%
- Budget: 10%
- Evaluation, Aftercare, Sustainment, and Plan for Collecting Data for Performance Measures: 15%

Section 113: Statement of the Problem

- Explain the inability to fund the program adequately without federal assistance.
- Describe problems with meeting the family and substance use disorder treatment needs of incarcerated adult parents of minor children who are returning to the community.
- Provide information on the target population, the number of incarcerated individuals who are parents of minors, their treatment needs, statistics or other information available about the number of minor children of the target population, and needs of the family within the community.
- Include any recidivism and substance use data that is available for the target population.
- Summarize the current process for identifying risk as well as parent and family needs, availability of drug and other treatment services, reentry planning, case management, linkages to community-based treatment providers, aftercare and continuing case management upon reentry.

Section 113: Program Design and Implementation

- Describe proposed activities that address the program goals and fall within one or more of the Approved Uses of Award Funds:
 - Development, implementation, and expansion of prison-based family treatment programs
 - Development, implementation, and expansion of residential substance abuse treatment for parents, including service for children and families
 - Coordination between appropriate corrections facility representatives and the other governmental agencies
- Describe how initiative will fulfill one or more of the Priority Considerations and meet following legal requirements:
 - integrate techniques to assess the strengths and needs of immediate and extended family into treatment plan of the parent;
 - ensure that each participant in that program has access to consistent and uninterrupted care if transferred to a different correctional facility; and
 - program shall be located in an area separate from the general population of the prison

Section 113: Capabilities/Considerations

- Describe the management structure and staffing of the project, identifying the agency responsible for the project and the grant coordinator.
- Identify the organization(s) proposed to provide substance use disorder and other treatment services both within the correction facility and upon return to the community.
- Demonstrate the capability of the implementing agency and collaborative partners to implement the project, including gathering and analyzing information, developing a plan, and evaluating the program.
- Demonstrate partnerships with community-based substance use disorder and family support services providers to ensure coordinated reentry efforts and ongoing treatment and/or aftercare programming for parents and their minor children and family members.

Section 113: Budget

- **There is no match requirement under this solicitation.**
- Provide a proposed budget and budget narrative that are cost-effective, complete and allowable. Applicants must have a detailed budget in response to the Selection Criteria.
- No more than 20 percent of the total grant award may be used for administrative purposes, data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment.
- Applicants must budget funding to travel to Department of Justice-sponsored grant meetings. Applicants should estimate the costs of travel and accommodations for three staff to attend two meetings in Washington D.C.

Section 113: Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation

- Describe the current ability to collect and analyze client-level performance and outcome data.
- Provide a per-person or unit cost of the project to be implemented.
- Describe the process for assessing the initiative's effectiveness through the collection and reporting of the required performance metrics data.
- Identify goals and objectives for program development, implementation, and outcomes.
- Describe how performance will be documented, monitored, and evaluated, and identify the impact of the strategy once implemented.

Section 113: Sustainability

- Describe how evaluation and collaborative partnerships will be leveraged to build long-term support and resources for the program.
- Discuss:
 - how the effort will be integrated into the state or tribal justice system plans or commitments,
 - how the program will be financially sustained after federal funding ends, and
 - the expected long-term results for the program.

Section 113: Performance Measures

- Percent decrease in recidivism for the target population since the beginning of the initiative
 - Recidivism is defined as “a return to prison and/or jail with either a new conviction or as the result of a violation of the terms of supervision within 12 months of initial release.”
- Percent reduction in the crime rate
- Percent increase in employment among the target population from the previous reporting period
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Evidence-Based Practice and Treatment Resources

- Applicants can find information on evidence-based practices for people with co-occurring disorders on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Co-occurring Center for Excellence web site: www.coce.samhsa.gov/ and on the Center for Mental Health Services' National GAINS Center web site: <http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/resources/publications.asp>.
- Another resource is the Center for Substance Abuse Services' Treatment Improvement Protocol 44: Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults in the Criminal Justice System: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/br.fcgi?book=hssamhsatip&part=A80017
- Applicants can also find information on evidence-based practices in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Guide to Evidence-Based Practices on the Web at www.samhsa.gov/ebpwebguide.

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Section 113: Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Questions and Answers

Section Chance Act

Section 115: Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects

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- This solicitation was released on April 19, 2010.
- Applications are due by 8:00 pm EST on **June 10, 2010**.
- Solicitation is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceTechCareersSol.pdf>.

Section 115: Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects

- Section 115 of the Second Chance Act authorizes federal awards to states, units of local government, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes to provide technology career training to incarcerated adults and juveniles.
- Awarded funds may be used for establishing a technology careers training program to train incarcerated adults and juveniles for technology-based jobs and careers during the 3-year period before release from a prison, jail, or juvenile facility.
- **Eligibility - Who Can Apply?**
 - Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).
 - Entities that do not meet this eligibility requirement (i.e. non-profit organizations, etc.) are not eligible to apply for this solicitation. However, applicants can form collaborative partnerships with non-eligible entities for the project implementation. These partnerships are referenced within the Priority Considerations and Capabilities/Competencies section of the solicitation.

Section 115: Target Population

- The target population should be incarcerated adults and juveniles within a 3-year period before release from a prison, jail, or juvenile facility.
- The target population must be a specific subset of the population of individuals convicted as an adult or adjudicated as a juvenile, and incarcerated in a state, local, or tribal prison, jail, or a juvenile detention/correctional facility, a juvenile camp, a juvenile community-based program, or a juvenile residential facility.
- Applicants must provide justification for selecting the target population and provide supporting documentation for their decision.

Section 115: Mandatory Requirements

- Restrict access to the Internet by incarcerated persons, as appropriate, to ensure public safety.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the value of technological training for offenders reentering the community from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities
- Specify and include a process or plan for identifying, referring, and assessing potential participants into the training program.
- Include a curriculum that helps participants acquire and develop skills needed to build potentially successful careers in technology-related fields.

Section 115: Mandatory Requirements

- Provide incarcerated adults and juveniles paths to career opportunities in technology-based fields including, but not limited to:
 - Computer assisted design in engineering
 - Information technology
 - Braille transcription training and certification
 - Wireless and broadband deployment
 - Technician positions
 - Computer hardware/software
 - Computer science and programming
- Incorporate the following activities: address skills and competencies demanded by the targeted technology career; support participants' advancement along a defined career pathway; and, where applicable, result in a recognized certificate, degree, or license that indicates a level of mastery and competence in a given technology based on the type of training completed.
- Highlight, when at all possible, “evidence-based” and “promising” practices.

Section 115: Priority Considerations

Priority consideration will be given to applications that:

- Provide training to offenders within 12–18 months prior to release to ensure the training is not obsolete and still current, useable, and transferable.
- Target high-risk offenders for program participation using validated assessment tools. Examples of high-risk offenders may include, but are not limited to: sex offenders, mentally ill offenders, offenders dually diagnosed with major mental health disorders and alcohol or substance addictions at the same time, and other offenders.
- Assess the local demand for employees trained in their targeted field, in the areas to which their program participants are likely to return, to improve the likelihood of post-release employment.
- Partner with technology industry-related organizations and other entities that can provide resources or expertise to the project. Applicants should demonstrate a high degree of collaboration with workforce employers, and provide documentation demonstrating partnerships, agreements, or memoranda of understanding with relevant employers in the technology areas to which program participants are likely to return.
- Partner with technology industry-related organizations and other entities that are willing to hire high-risk offenders.
- Provide individualized education and reentry plans for offenders participating in the training program.
- Incorporate “peer” mentors, their usage as training instructors, and include a plan for recruiting, training, and supervising mentors.

Section 115: Amount and Length of Award

As required by the statute, awards under this program will be made for a period of up to 12 months with the ability for no-cost extensions. Contingent upon the availability of funds, awards of up to \$750,000 each will be made.

Section 115: Selection Criteria

- Statement of the Problem: 20%
- Program Design and Implementation: 40%
- Capabilities/Competencies: 20%
- Budget: 10%
- Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainment, and Plan for Collecting Data for Performance Measures: 10%

Section 115: Statement of the Problem

- Describe the problems of providing technology career-based training for offenders returning to the community. The applicant must provide a clear and concise statement on why the applicant deems important the need to establish a technology careers training program to train incarcerated persons for technology-based jobs and careers from prisons, jails, or juvenile facilities.
- Summarize the basic components of the state, local, or tribal project initiative as currently being implemented.
- Indicate the jurisdiction or tribal community to be served including information about the correctional facility where programming is proposed to occur.
- Provide information on the target population to receive the technology training, the number of offenders returning to the community, and description on the number and type of offenders in the correctional facilities.

Section 115: Program Design and Implementation

- Identify goals and objectives for program development, implementation, and outcomes.
- Describe in detail how the Mandatory Requirements specified in this solicitation have been met.
- Describe in detail how the Priority Considerations specified in this solicitation have been met.
- Describe in detail how proposed activities that fall within the Approved Uses of Award Funds specified in this solicitation have been met.

Section 115:

Capabilities/Competencies

- Describe the management structure and staffing of the project, identifying the agency responsible for the project and the grant coordinator.
- Demonstrate the capability of the lead organization and collaborative partners to implement the project, including gathering and analyzing information, developing a plan, evaluating the program, and resumes for key personnel.
- Describe how the project would be organized and staffed to meet each of the requirements. The management and organizational structure described should match the staff needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the implementation plan.

Section 115: Budget

- **There is no match requirement under this solicitation.**
- Provide a proposed budget and budget narrative that are cost-effective, complete, and allowable. Equipment costs must be fully justified and applicants should note that these funds are not intended to pay for equipment only.
- Applicants must budget funding to travel to Department of Justice-sponsored grant meetings. Applicants should estimate the costs of travel and accommodations for three staff to attend two meetings in Washington D.C.

Section 115: Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, and Sustainment

- Describe the process for assessing the project’s effectiveness through the collection and reporting of the required performance metrics data. (See “Performance Measures” for more information).
- Outline what data and information will be collected and describe how evaluation and collaborative partnerships will be leveraged to build long-term support and resources for the program.
- Describe how performance metrics will be documented, monitored, and evaluated, and identify the impact of the strategy once implemented.
- Identify what data elements and information will be collected and a description of how evaluation and collaborative partnerships will be leveraged to build long-term support and resources for the program.
- Discuss how this effort will be integrated into the applicant’s justice system plans or commitments, how the program will be financially sustained after federal funding ends, and the expected long-term results for the program.

Section 115: Performance Measures

- Increase the knowledge of training participants through:
 - In-person training
 - Web-based learning
 - Use of CD/DVDs
 - Training scholarships
- Increase the knowledge of training participants through the development and/or revision of training curricula.
- Increase a criminal justice agency's ability to solve problems and/or modify policies and practices.

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