

## **Intellectual Property Enforcement, Training, and Technical Assistance Program Funding Results**

### Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2009 Intellectual Property Enforcement, Training, and Technical Assistance Program. This program is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems to address criminal intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. The solicitation for funding was released on June 8, 2009, and closed on with applications due by June 25, 2009. This solicitation had two categories: (1) Law Enforcement, focusing on site-based funding; and (2) Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA), focused on providing regional training and technical assistance in the areas of awareness, forensic analysis, and community awareness to remote locations throughout the United States.

### Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are screened initially to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

### Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received six applications for the T&TA category, seeking a total of \$5,346,789 in funding. BJA made two Training and Technical Assistance awards of \$450,000 each to the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) and the National Association of Attorney Generals. Funding under this area will be used to:

1. Provide training curricula specializing in the identification, investigation, enforcement, and prosecution of intellectual property crimes, including education as it relates to forensic analysis within this specialized area of criminal enforcement.
2. Provide innovative delivery methodologies of curricula to include, but not limited to, e-training, roll call training, and academy training of both new recruits and experienced officers, prosecutors, and other justice system employees.
3. Develop and distribute educational materials for public safety at all levels, including administrators, investigators, and line officers. The approach for development and delivery of the materials may include handouts, CDs, etc., *but should include innovative methods to reach large national audiences*. Although the intended recipients of service delivery are members of the criminal justice system, products should be adaptable to build awareness of criminal intellectual property issues to the public.
4. Provide technical assistance to public safety agencies in the areas of investigation, training, prosecution, and computer forensics as it relates to intellectual property criminal violations.

5. Identify new criminal crime trends in the area of intellectual property and develop methodologies for addressing needs of the field through training, education, and use of technology

BJA received 10 applications for the site-based category, seeking a total of \$3,155,692 in funding. BJA made eight site-based awards for a total of \$1,105,692.

Funding under the site-based category can be used for the following:

1. Reimbursement of expenses incurred for criminal enforcement operations, such as overtime payments and storage fees for seized evidence
2. Educating the public to prevent, deter, and identify criminal violations of intellectual property laws
3. Establishment of task forces to include state or local law enforcement entities, or both, *exclusively* to conduct investigations, forensic analyses of evidence, and prosecutions
4. Purchasing computers and other equipment needed to conduct investigations, prosecution, and forensic analyses of evidence
5. Expenses for law enforcement and prosecutors to attending training related to this specific type of criminal offense.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to 75 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at [AskBJA@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">Intellectual Property Enforcement, Training, and Technical Assistance Program</a> (Category I: Law Enforcement)	City of Los Angeles	CA	\$199,995.00
	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	CA	\$200,000.00
	North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State	NC	\$44,485.00
	Bronx County District Attorney	NY	\$43,718.00
	Chesterfield County	VA	\$199,919.00
	Mississippi Office of the Attorney General	MS	\$200,000.00
	New York City Criminal Justice Coordinators Office	NY	\$200,000.00
	Office of the Attorney General of Virginia	VA	\$17,575.00
<a href="#">Intellectual Property Enforcement, Training, and Technical Assistance Program</a> (Category II: Training and Technical Assistance)	NW3C Inc. National White Collar Crime Center	VA	\$450,000.00
	National Association of Attorneys General	DC	\$450,000.00
<b>Awards: 10</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$2,005,692.00</b>