Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program FY 2010 Competitive Grant Announcement Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2010 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The purpose of this program is to support states' efforts to collect and analyze dispensing pharmaceutical controlled substance data, particularly at the retail level where no other automated information collection exists. The solicitation for funding was released on February 2, 2010 and closed on April 1, 2010.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that contain all of the critical components of a grant application such as program narrative, budget and budget narrative and other required attachments 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 24 applications in response to the site-based solicitation, seeking a total of \$8,428,469 in funding. BJA made 15 site-based awards for a total of \$5,291,174 in funding. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to 63 percent of the applications. For a specific list of awards, go to:

Category 1: Planning Category 2: Implementation Category 3: Enhancement

In addition, BJA supplemented a FY 2009 competitive award to Brandeis University for the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Program in the amount of \$943,652.

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 Official listed on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at <u>AskBJA@usdoj.gov</u>.