

## Project-Specific Information

- **Evidence-Based Practice:** Supported by clear and compelling evidence documented in a variety of contexts and supported by research and provides transferable models or blueprints for others to follow, without overreliance on exceptional individuals. “Evidence-based” is commonly referred to as a “best” practice. Attorney General Eric Holder has made it a priority to support, develop, and enhance evidence-based practices that build upon current models and encourage innovative approaches and strategies nationwide. This means that supporting research is a vital part of the Office of Justice Programs’ (OJP) and BJA’s mission. Hand in hand with supporting research is the responsibility for translating it for use and integrating evidence into the day-to-day work of justice professionals. To further this effort, OJP has launched an Evidence Integration Initiative, called E2I, to help criminal justice professionals expand their base of scientific knowledge and transform research into practice. As a part of the E2I initiative, OJP is developing a Crime Solutions Resource Center Web site to focus on evidence-based programs and will create a diagnostic center or “help desk” to provide additional information about these programs and how they can be used.
- **Collaboration** is a dynamic process in which two or more people or organizations work together to define and accomplish a set of common goals by sharing knowledge, learning, and building consensus.
- **Coordination** is a sharing of information and/or ideas between two or more people or organizations to accomplish a goal or effect.
- **Specific Information** is a description of any program theme or focused information that BJA wants to share with perspective grantees. It may also identify any required elements or purpose areas that may need to be included in the proposed project’s design and activities.