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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH ON FIREARMS AND VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON – Today the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) announced a grant solicitation for gun violence research. The “*Research on Firearms and Violence*” solicitation calls for proposals for innovative and scientifically rigorous research related to this topic. Applications may include, but are not limited to, such diverse subjects as the effectiveness of gun violence interventions, the nature of illicit gun markets, or the relationship between guns and public safety.

NIJ anticipates that up to \$1.5 million—subject to the availability of appropriated funds— may be granted for research projects. The application deadline for this announcement is 11:59 p.m. ET on May 2, 2013. The solicitation provides full details on the requirements for this competitive grant.

NIJ, the research, development and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, has a history of guiding important work in the area of firearms and violence. As noted in a 2010 report by the National Research Council, NIJ has played an essential role in developing knowledge about the role of guns in crime. Among more recent contributions, NIJ hosted a 2011 workgroup which identified seven research focal points needed to strengthen our understanding of firearms violence and associated prevention or reduction strategies. The solicitation is a result of the workgroup’s efforts.

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