



June 29, 2015

Denise E. O'Donnell
Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Director O'Donnell:

Applied Research Services, Inc. (ARS) is pleased to partner with the DeKalb County Office of the District Attorney on the "Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Competitive Grant Announcement" for fiscal year 2015.

Our role will be to serve as the Evaluator for the project. ARS has served in this capacity on numerous multi-year, federally-funded projects, including evaluations of a wide variety of problem solving courts, school reform initiatives, and a variety of other interventions. In addition, we have analyzed law enforcement and correctional system data to aid numerous decision makers, to include BJA's Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level teams, four sentencing commissions and multiple departments of corrections (currently in Georgia and Tennessee). We are proud of our decision support research, which over the past twenty years has aided various stakeholder agencies and organizations at the local, state, and national levels. We have developed innovative research tools, systems, and practices, and have provided training and technical assistance on matters of research design and program evaluation. Our goal is to provide evidence-based research findings to our partners and stakeholders to assist them in making informed decisions and engage in a process of continuous quality improvement.

I pledge the support of my organization to this project and look forward to working with your team.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Meredith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Meredith, Ph.D.
President



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Re: Technology Innovation for Public Safety Grant
Letter of Commitment

Dear Mr. James:

It is a pleasure to write a letter in support of your application for the FY 2015 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Program. We have partnered on a number of initiatives and improving information sharing is a priority for the DeKalb County Police Department (DKPD). DKPD has an Advanced Technology Unit that currently focuses on criminal justice information sharing and technology innovation.

This initiative will provide yet another opportunity for joint strategies that integrate the capacities of our respective departments as we strive for improved justice outcomes. I pledge to work with the District Attorney's Office to identify technology tools that not only identify participants of criminal activities but also prosecute them.

I definitely support your application for innovative tools, software, and equipment that will help protect DeKalb's citizens. Also, the DeKalb County Police Department welcomes this opportunity to foster an additional merger to fight crime and keep DeKalb safe.

Respectfully,

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James W. Conroy, Interim Chief of Police
DeKalb County Police Department