

Subject: FW: Deadline Extended for Nominations to Research Task Force on Violence Against Indian Women

FYI

Please share the following information with Tribes:

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has extended the deadline for receipt of nominations to the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women to **August 13, 2010**. The Task Force will assist the United States Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice and OVW in the implementation of a program of research that examines violence against Native women, as required by the Violence Against Women Act. The program of research will (1) examine violence against Indian women in Indian Country, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and murder, and (2) evaluate the effectiveness of Federal, state, tribal and local responses to these crimes.

The original letter from OVW Director Susan B. Carbon soliciting nominations for the Task Force is attached for your review. Please advise any potential nominees who may be interested in assisting DOJ in this important work. Thank you.

For more information, please contact:

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking nominations for membership on the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women. The Task Force was authorized by Section 904 (a)(3) of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Pub. L. No. 1209-162, and is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

As required by the statute, Task Force nominees must be representatives of one of the following entities:

- (1) tribal governments;
- (2) national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault non-profit organizations;
- (3) and the national tribal organizations.

Nominations should be submitted to OVW by no later than **July 30, 2010**. The names of all nominees will be forwarded to the U.S. Attorney General for review, and those nominees who have been selected to serve on the Task Force will be contacted later this summer.

For each nominee, the nominating entity should submit a cover letter nominating the individual to serve as the entity's representative that explains the individual's qualifications to serve on the Task Force, as well as a copy of the individual's résumé or *curriculum vitae*. The cover letters and supporting documentation can be faxed to my attention at (202) 305-2589, or submitted by e-mail at OVW.VAIW@usdoj.gov, or mailed to my attention at:

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Federal advisory committees play such an important role in government. With the expertise of advisory committee members, Federal officials have access to information and advice on a broad range of issues affecting Federal policies and programs. The public, in return, is afforded an opportunity to provide valuable input in an open forum on matters of importance to the Federal Government.

The Task Force will assist the United States Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice and OVW in the implementation of a program of research that addresses Title IX, the Safety of Indian Women. The program of research will (1) examine violence against Indian women in Indian Country, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and murder, and (2) evaluate the effectiveness of Federal, state, tribal and local responses to these crimes.

Originally established on March 31, 2008, the Task Force met four times over the course of the past two years and has submitted recommendations on NIJ's Program. Additional information on the Task Force can be found on the OVW and NIJ websites.

The Task Force is intended to be a working body that will produce reports or other documents as necessary. Task Force members are expected to attend all meetings and be prepared to discuss topics and materials distributed in advance of each meeting. It is anticipated that the Research Task Force will meet once a year with the first meeting in the fall of 2010.

NIJ anticipates that the Task Force members will assist NIJ in the following ways:

1. Provide feedback on research and evaluation findings from studies conducted on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women
2. Assist with recommendations resulting from study findings
3. Provide feedback on the program's priorities
4. Assist in developing new research questions to be addressed
5. Provide feedback on research design strategies
6. Provide feedback on research and evaluation protocol issues
7. When possible, participate at meetings with tribal communities to provide information on the program; answer questions; address any concerns; determine tribal support and willingness to participate; and gather input on the research program for all phases.
8. Provide of summary of the groups activities and recommendations by the end of the TF term.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 307-6026 should you have any questions or concerns about the nomination process. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Carbon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Carbon
OVW Director