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MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to today's webinar, "OVC Fiscal Year 2020 Improving Community Preparedness to Assist Victims of Mass Violence or Domestic Terrorism: Training and Technical Assistance Project," hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime. So, at this time, I'm going to introduce you to the presenters for today. We have Mary Atlas-Terry, Victim Justice Program Specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime, and Eugenia Pedley, Program Manager with the Office for Victims of Crime.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Hello, everyone. Thank you so much for joining us today. We're really excited to talk to you about the solicitation, again that's entitled "Improving Community Preparedness to Assist Victims of Mass Violence or Domestic Terrorism: Training and Technical Assistance Project." So, the agenda for our discussion today, we're going to--I'll be talking to you about the OVC mission and talking on just a quick overview of the project and eligibility. And Eugenia Pedley, my colleague here at OVC, is going to talk about the goals, objectives, and expected activities and deliverables of this project. And then I'll come back on and talk a bit about the award and some critical application elements and guidance, and generally how to apply. And we're really happy to engage with Q&A after we go through the presentation.

All of OVC's projects are related to our core mission, which is that OVC's mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. And this solicitation absolutely supports that overarching mission. Next slide, please.

So, where to find the solicitation? A lot of folks might find it helpful, if you're able to pull up the solicitation using one of these links, because during the presentation, we're going to be referencing various page numbers where information is noted. So, we have a number of places where you can find it. One is the OVC website, one is the Office of Justice Programs website, and then, obviously, at Grants.Gov, where you'll actually submit the application.

One thing I wanted to note, also, is that on the first page of the solicitation, you're going to find an electronic link, which is another reason why you might want to always have the electronic version of the solicitation available. There's an electronic link to OJP's online Application Resource Guide, which includes really detailed instructions and information that you'll want to access online. So, it's always important to have the online version of the solicitation available.

As far as the project overview, this project will provide training, technical assistance [TA], and support to enable communities to augment their existing emergency response plans. The TA is going to ensure that the emergency response plans include effective protocols and strategies to address the immediate and long-term needs of victims, families, first responders, and the communities after criminal mass violence or domestic terrorism incidents. The TA for this project will be directed to law enforcement and other first responders; state, local, and tribal units

of government; and victim service providers; and any other local entity that's responsible or involved in responding to, and planning for, mass violence incidents.

I want to say, before I get into eligibility, I want to say clearly up front that OVC is expecting to make one award under this project to an applicant who--for a national-scope TTA project. The award will be up to $3 million over 3 years.

With regard to eligibility, eligible applicants are limited to public agencies (including state or local units of government); private for-profit organizations and private nonprofit organizations (including tribal for-profit and nonprofit organizations); and also, colleges and universities or institutions of higher education. Applicants must have experience in delivering training and TA at national and local levels to law enforcement, victim service providers, and emergency response organizations.

OK, we'll be going--we'll be noting this a few times during the application--this webinar. But the applications must be submitted into Grants.Gov by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 26th. So, that is the Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend. And just a reminder, OJP truly urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date. So, if you want to try to have an awesome Memorial Day weekend, you might want to try to submit your application by the Friday before it's due.

So, now I'm going to pass the mic over to my colleague Eugenia Pedley from OVC.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Thank you so much, Mary, and good afternoon, everyone. I'm glad you could join us today. I'm going to talk a little bit about the program description and purpose, and you can see from the slide that that's on page 5 of the solicitation.

I think we all know that incidents of mass violence and terrorism really do present some unique challenges to the communities where they occur, and they traumatize victims and families as well as police and other emergency personnel who respond to these incidents. Ideally, a community's response to a mass violence incident will include a planned and coordinated deployment of law enforcement, other first responders, various healthcare and mental health professionals, victim service providers, and decisionmakers from multiple levels of government. And planning really has to focus on strategies that are timely, compassionate, evidence-based, and comprehensive, and this includes addressing the traumatic impact on victims and first responders.

The goal of this project, also found on page 5, is to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement; other government entities; emergency managers; victim service providers; prosecutors; and other stakeholders in augmenting their existing emergency management response plans to ensure that the needs of victims, their families, and first responders are appropriately addressed after these types of incidents.

I'm going to go through the objectives and deliverables, and they are all on page 6 of the solicitation, if you're following along there. So, 1., is to provide individualized TTA to law enforcement and first responders; elements of state, local, and tribal governments; and other

community stakeholders and victim service providers to assist in developing partnerships, policies, and procedures that address the needs of mass violence and terrorism victims. The provider that's selected will assist with a range of activities, including those outlined in OVC's Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism: Planning, Response, Recovery and Resources Toolkit. And for those of you who know it by its short name, the Mass Violence Toolkit, that's the same thing. And particularly, looking at the Partnerships and Planning Checklist. Deliverables under this objective will be to complete performance measurement data that accurately quantifies and describes the TTA that's provided and brief reports to OVC summarizing the range of TTA that was requested and the status of the TTA that was provided.

2. We want to expand the capacity of local governments and agencies by providing supplemental resources to those who want to enhance their existing emergency response plans. Strategies to expand capacity may include access to onsite consultants, small subawards, or other resources to jurisdictions that do not currently have adequate staff or funding to engage in developing a comprehensive victim assistance plan. Deliverables include a plan for assessing the level of need in each jurisdiction requesting support, the recommended selection criteria for receiving that TTA, and a plan for providing supplemental resources. The TTA provider will work in coordination with us at OVC regarding the selection of TTA sites, and prior approval from the OVC grant manager is going to be required for any subaward to an organization receiving TTA under this award.

3. There's going to be assembling a cadre of expert consultants to provide evidence-based training and technical assistance, and deliverables here include a list of recommended TTA consultants along with their qualifications.

And 4., is designing and implementing--sorry. Design and implement outreach and public awareness strategies directed at law enforcement and other first responders as well as state, local, and tribal agencies that are involved in emergency planning and response to raise awareness about the available TTA. Deliverables under this include submitting a detailed outreach plan.

5. Deliver presentations and TTA workshops at national, regional, or state conferences attended by emergency managers to raise awareness of these TTA resources and engage--excuse me-- engage emergency response planners. Deliverables here include submitting a detailed plan for presentations to target groups and performance measurement data related to these efforts.

And finally, 6., is conducting ongoing data collection and evaluation for the purpose of performance measurement and improvement of the TTA delivery. Deliverables include developing a system for receiving, tracking, and responding to TTA requests and a process that assesses user satisfaction with the TTA services. And I'd like to also note that we deliberately have these objectives and deliverables somewhat generic, somewhat vague, because we really want to get your ideas for how to engage this project. So, we're looking forward to some great insights that you have in sending those to us.

And now I'd like to turn it back over to Mary.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: OK, thank you so much, Eugenia. So, again, I just want to reiterate that we're looking to make one award through this solicitation to a national-scope training and technical assistance provider. The maximum amount of funding that will be made available through that award will be $3 million. We're expecting that the award will be made by October 1st and that the project will last 3 years. So, the end date of this project is expected to be September 30, 2023. This is a cooperative agreement, which means that there would be--that the applicant should expect close coordination with OVC on this project and a review of project activities and deliverables, and OVC will ensure that this project is very well coordinated with other TA projects that OVC manages. And I want to mention, too, that there's no match required for this particular program.

So, I wanted to mention, as described on--starting on page 8 through 11 and then on page 12 of the solicitation, there are certain documents that must be included in order just to even meet the basic minimum requirements. So, if some of this is missing, your application will not proceed forward.

So, the two primary attachments must be a Program Narrative and a Budget Detail Worksheet and narrative. So, the Program Narrative must include four main sections in this particular 20-page document. It must include a Description of the Issue that is trying to be addressed through the program--through the project. A very specific Project Design and Implementation plan that resonates and addresses and mirrors the goals and objectives that Eugenia just described to you and that were outlined in the solicitation. The Program Narrative must include a section where it talks about the Capabilities and Competencies of your organization or of the applicant to carry out a national-scope training and technical assistance project. And also, a plan for how you're going to collect performance measure data. And I'll talk a little bit about this a little bit more, but that information is located on page 10, and there's a link at the top of the page with the exact data elements that you'll need to expect to track for this project. And the Plan for Collecting Performance Measurement Data that you need to include in the narrative is an acknowledgment of your understanding of that data.

The other attachment is the Budget Detail Worksheet and narrative, and on the top of page 11 you'll follow a link to the exact form that's needed. You'll follow a link to the OJP Application Resource Guide that gives you a lot of information about what is needed inside that Budget Detailed Worksheet and narrative. And just a reminder, that document needs to outline how the full amount of the federal award will be used over the full 3-year period. Next slide.

The Program Narrative document that I just discussed earlier needs to be double-spaced and 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and not to exceed 20 pages. Next slide, please.

So, yeah, just a little bit more information about the kind of data that will be collected for this project and reported to OVC. This is noted on pages 10 and 11 on--in the solicitation. And again, inside the narrative, you'll want to just describe what your plan will be for collecting and reporting performance measurement data. There's actually a link to a questionnaire and the three sections of that questionnaire that you'll be reporting on is the section related to Training, Technical Assistance, and another section related to Collaborative Partnerships. And again, your

application needs to just demonstrate your understanding of the type of data that needs to be reported on a quarterly basis inside the Performance Measurement Tool. Next slide. Thank you.

Here we just want to talk about the budget. It's just a little bit more information about what the budget should include. Again, there's a link on page 11 of the solicitation that goes to the Application Resource Guide. And again, it's just really important to know that there's an Excel version of the budget that you need to use and there's a link that provides you the exact form, and again, just a reminder, the budget needs to be--outline costs for a full 3-year period.

So, this slide gives you a large overview of all of the different attachments and documents that need to be uploaded with your application. And the three that I wanted to mention specifically is that in addition to your Program Narrative and your Budget, please make sure that you submit a Project Timeline that outlines, you know, your timing for when things--when major activities are going to be accomplished within your project. And attach resumes and curriculum--curricula of the key professionals that are going to be involved in your project and Letters of Support, if you have project partners that are named in the application. Anyone, you know, that you'll definitely be working with. So, Letters of Support from those entities to describe their support for your project. It's important to note that many of these attachments are noted on page 11, and if you click the link on the attachment name, it'll bring you to the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide with very specific information about how to complete that attachment.

So, that's great. And so, now how to apply. So, the--one of the first things I want to mention is that please look at page 12, because it has a lot of additional steps for how to apply and how to submit your application. The first step, actually, is obtaining a DUNS number and then registering online with the System of Award Management, or SAM. Those two steps often take several weeks, so, it's really important for you to start well in advance. And then after you have a DUNS number and your SAM registration, applicants must also register in Grants.gov, and that's where you would submit your application.

Again, please submit your application at least 72 hours prior to the application due date.

There is a Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline that you can call if you have problems with the actual submission. [800-518-4726] And you must apply under the correct competition ID, which is listed there, [OVC-2020-18613] but also the competition ID is noted on page 12 of the solicitation.

So, just a few notes here about the review process. OVC will be using peer reviewers and we'll primarily--we could use internal peer reviewers, external reviewers, or a combination of both. Generally, three reviewers will review and score each application. They'll be looking for the basic minimum requirements, but basically, they will be reviewing and scoring that Program Narrative and your Budget and the other application materials that you submit. And they'll be using the solicitation, basically, as a guide. After the peer reviewers score the application and provide us their scores, OJP also does an internal review, and we look, among other things, for the degree of risk that could be posed by the particular applicant, whether this entity is on the DOJ high-risk list or something like that. So, primarily, it's a peer review but also there's an internal OJP review process as well.

Federal Award Information. So, please look at the--at page 13 of the solicitation, and again, there are links to the OJP Application Resource Guide. But one of the--couple things to note is that we expect award notifications to be made by September 30th, via email through GMS to the individuals listed in the application as the point of contact and the authorized official. So, please make sure that the person you name as the point of contact for this award is going to be looking--be on the lookout for notifications from grants--from the Grants Management System on announcements about whether or not you received the award. There will be detailed instructions on how to access and view the award documents. And on page 13, there's also a link that's really important. It's a link to Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements. There are truly lots of legal requirements with administering a federal grant award. And it's really important that you kind of understand what you're getting into. And that particular link will provide you with a lot of good information.

OK. So, here I just want to mention that the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, or NCJRS, Response Center is the entity that will be responding to questions that you might have about the solicitation requirements. Like if you don't--if you are not clear on what a particular document is asking or if you're not clear on the activities or goals or objectives of a particular--of this particular solicitation, you can ask for clarification through the National Criminal Justice Response Center. And they're open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Next slide, please.

Then also, if you need technical assistance on the actual functionality of how to upload attachments into your application, or you're struggling with access to the--to Grants.gov, the Customer Support Hotline with Grants.gov is actually the go-to place for technical questions on submitting an application. And they're available by phone or by email, and they're the great person--the great entity to help you troubleshoot actually physically applying.

So, which leads me to what happens if you have last minute technical difficulties in submitting your application just before the deadline. And again, just a note of caution: please don't wait to the very last, you know, few hours of the solicitation deadline before you apply, because that's where most people get really hung up in Grants.gov. So, please submit--we really hope you can do 72 hours before.

But if at any time you do have technical difficulties, you'll first call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline. Or if you think it's a problem with the SAM registration, you could call the SAM help desk as well to report the technical issue and, really importantly, receive a tracking number to show that you--to document that you called them for help.

And then if after the deadline passes, within 24 hours after the application deadline and you're still not sure or you're worried that you missed the deadline, please call or email the NCJRS Response Center at the phone number and the email address within 24 hours. The email must describe what technical difficulties you had. Include a timeline of when you started trying to submit your application,, and what happened, and when you called the help desk. Provide--provide--actually, you should attach your complete grant application to that email so that we can see that--that the application has been submitted and also provide your DUNS number and that

tracking number. But it's really important to call NCJRS within 24 hours to report that you had technical difficulties and ask for--you may ask for submission to resubmit your application a little bit late. The email to NCJRS. NCJRS does not automatically approve the request for late submission. Next slide, please.

Yeah, so, we cannot approve a request for late submission if the problem was related to failure to register in SAM or Grants.gov in sufficient time, or failure to allow Grants.--to follow Grants.gov instructions, or technical issues with the applicant's computer, or other specific instructions that you had. So, those are reasons why we really won't approve a request for late submission.

So, last-ditch reminder. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 26th in Grants.gov. And again, we hope you can mark your calendars for a bit before that. About 72 hours or 3 days before that would be great.

I think now I'm going to turn it back over to Mary Jo.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Hi, everybody. We have two slides to go over and then we will start our questions. So, if you want to stay connected with OVC and find out other opportunities and information and resources that are coming out from them, you can subscribe to their email and you can do that in two ways. There's a new method where you can text a message. Text the message as OJP OVC, insert your email address, and send that to 468-311. Just please note that message and data rates may apply.

You can also subscribe to their email going online to the OVC website and if you look at the top, there's going to be a subscription button, but this is the larger link, and we'll add that link to the chat box.

You may also follow OVC on social media. They have a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and the links are included here and will also be added to the chat box.

This slide here pretty much pulls together many of the resources and URLs that were mentioned throughout the presentation, so, it's a nice one-stop place for you to go and look back afterwards and get those URLs. Again, they will be added to the chat box. Some things that were mentioned that are of particular importance are the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the Budget Detail Worksheet. And those are the links directly to them.

So, at this time, we will start our questions. As a reminder, please submit questions to the Q&A box, which can be found under the radio button with the three dots. And when you're sending your questions in, please be sure to address it to all presenters or all panelists. Do not send a question to anybody privately.

This first question is about support. "They currently--They received an OVC TTAC support for the same preparedness plan. Can we be awarded the grant funding?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: This is Eugenia. I'll try that one. I'm assuming that the person who's asking the question is considering applying as opposed to receiving the actual support, and so, I'll kind of maybe touch on both. But if you're an applicant, it doesn't matter if you've received funding to, you know, do some emergency response plans, like are indicated in this particular objectives and deliverables in the solicitation. If, on the other hand, you know, you are an entity that would be receiving training and technical assistance, there's no prohibition against applying for additional training and technical assistance through the solicitation.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: The next question is about the design and implementation. "So, on page 6 of the solicitation, item number four requires the awardee to design and implement an outreach and public awareness strategy. What does OVC consider out--consider outreach to include?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: I would say interpret that, outreach fairly broadly. It's just whatever you determine to be reaching out to make the public aware of what this training and technical assistance is. We don't have a specific definition, unless Mary is aware of one.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: No. Hi. This is Mary. I just would add that it's just to--how do you plan to get the word out about the TA that's going to be offered and made available to communities through this project? That's just what we're thinking of there.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Mary, I believe this might go to you. "What is the scope of the jurisdiction? That is, is it national level, regional, local?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Well, we're--when I say it's a national-scope project, I really mean that. We want the TA provider to have the capacity to provide technical assistance to any state or local area that may need some assistance in enhancing their community emergency response plans. So, we do want the applicant to have a--to be able to get that TA across the United States and into the territories, possibly, as well.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Next question is dealing with subawards and refers to page 6, item two. "Can the government confirm that payment to consultants and subcontract organizations for carrying out activities are not considered subawards?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Sure. I can take this one, Mary Jo, and Mary Jo, could you flip back to the last slide where you had the resources? If you don't mind. Great.

So, this is where, before you apply, you should look at the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and review their sections related to what is a subaward. And there's all kinds of links there to help you determine the difference between a subaward and what would be considered a contract. So, so, generally, to--basically answer the exact question, no. We cannot confirm that payment to consultants or subcontractor organizations for carrying out activities are not considered subawards. They may be a subaward because of the way it's structured and the activities that are going to be accomplished under the subaward. So, I don't think for the purpose of this webinar I want to be able to get in the difference of all of it, but with--but it would be really important for

you to look at the [DOJ Financial Guide](#) for more information about what we think are really subaward agreements.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "How do you--How do you see this grant recipient coordinating with ongoing efforts of the Mass Violence Research Center?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: This is Eugenia. I would say that that's something we will coordinate through OVC and make a determination as time goes on. Mary, you might have some different ideas. But we have a lot of mass violence activities at OVC. So, there's going to be some collaboration, you know, among our own staff and existing entities.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "On page 10--On page 10 regarding b. iv., how many jurisdictions does OVC anticipate will need TA support annually under this grant?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Eugenia, I'll take a shot and then maybe you can, if you have anything to add. This is Mary. I would say that that is up for the organization to, kind of, do a little--the applicant to do a little bit of research to, kind of, maybe get an idea of what they might expect as far as the number of TTA requests they may be able to respond to. I--We can't answer that question about the number that the applicant should anticipate.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: I agree, Mary.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Mary--

EUGENIA PEDLEY: That's correct.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Sorry. Mary, this one would be for you as well. "On page 11 and 12, will OVC confirm that resumes and letters of support can be included in the appendix and are not counted towards the 20-page limit?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: That is correct. Thank you for asking. So, the letters of support, the resumes, and also the project time-task plan should be submitted as separate documents and are not counted in the 20-page limit.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: This--Mary, this might be for you. "Since there will only be one award, how is our IP and applicants' information protected?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I can't answer that question. That might--unless Eugenia has a response, I would suggest we have that question submitted through NCJRS and we'll work on a response for you.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: I concur.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "How does DOJ define subawardee for this grant? What are examples of subawards that may be part of an implementation grant?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Again, I would refer to the DOJ Financial Guide. In very, very general terms, a subaward is any organization that is helping you carry out the activities of the award. It generally includes a portion of the grant funds are being passed through to another organization to do a specific scope of work that they--that you have selected them as a project partner for this project. An example of a contract, which would be separate, is an entity that could help you develop a database or you're contracting with them for the purposes of your photocopiers and IT support for your organization. It's really something--a contractor would be something you would use your procurement policies and procedures for. A subawardee is more of an entity that's going to help you carry--meet the goals and objectives of your award.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "Is there a minimum number of participants required in one application? I.E., could a solo attorney practitioner apply, maybe with help from volunteers?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Individuals would not be eligible to apply for this project. So, an individual would not be eligible to apply, and again, we're looking for the eligible applicants to be organizations that have the capacity to submit--to do a national-scope training and TA project. And typically, that might not work with an individual and volunteers.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: "How will this grant complement the work of OVC TTAC and the Mass Violence Resource Center?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Hi. This is Eugenia. People who are familiar with OVC and our Mass Violence Program know that there are a lot of ways to reach support for victims. And actually, this is why I had mentioned earlier that we at OVC are going to be working with all the entities engaged in supporting mass violence victims to make sure that there are no duplications of effort and that indeed the activities are complementary. This particular solicitation is really focused on getting training and technical assistance for entities out in the field to do, you know, planning or enhancing their existing emergency response plans to include victims of mass violence and terrorism events. So, you know, it's an element of our entire program.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: This question is a little in-depth. "We are developing a tech platform and we have a new financial model. We've never submitted an application to the DOJ. However, we feel compelled to submit an application in developing networks. What other options are there, if we have provisional patents, for possible collaboration?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: This, again, would be a question that--if you really want to apply, you would want to send to NCJRS. We--New DOJ--People who have not applied to DOJ previously are truly encouraged to apply as a new DOJ applicant. If you're new to federal funding, you would just want to give yourself extra time to apply. But so, we really encourage new applicants coming forward and would be happy to review an application. I just can't answer that question about provisional patents. I'm just not certain about that. So, you would want to submit that question through NCJRS, please.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: I flipped the slide to the NCJRS slide as a reminder. The email address for NCJRS is grants@ncjrs.gov, so, you can send your question there. You may also call them at 800-851-3420.

"Are there any limitations for faith-based organizations? Our network is Catholic. Will our application be considered, as we do not discriminate in terms of service provisions?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: If your organization is a private for-profit or a private nonprofit organization, you would be eligible to apply. There's no limitations for faith-based organizations.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Mary, this is another one for you. "Is there a fee to register in SAM?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I don't know. I don't know. I'm sorry. I don't think so, but I could be wrong.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Yeah, I'm not 100 percent sure, either. I don't think there is, though. You could also send that question to NCJRS.

"Can you please define emergency managers as referenced on page 6, objective five?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Once again, we're using that fairly broadly, and we're really using it in the sense that states would call certain entities emergency managers. That may vary by state, but it's the people who are involved in emergency planning in response in various jurisdictions, states, or tribes.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And then somebody just responded or sent a comment that there is no fee to register in SAM. And I would imagine, too, if you go to the SAM.gov website that is listed, you would find that information there.

And with that, that is our last question at this point in time. We can give everybody another minute to see if there's anything that comes up, and if not, then we could end the phone--the webinar.

And just a reference while we're waiting to see if any other questions come in, the NCJRS slide is showing. That information was also submitted through the chat.

And then Grants.gov. If you need them, their Customer Support Hotline is 800-518-4726. You can also email them at support@grants.gov.

All right, we did get another question. "You mentioned OVC and grantees determine sites for TTA. Can you explain that in more detail?"

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Well, in this particular case, we're looking for the applicant to give us their ideas about how TTA will be provided, to whom it would be provided, what the selection criteria would be. And when this actually occurs, when somebody is selected for the award, that information will be discussed with OVC and final determinations would be made. I may be misunderstanding the intent, Mary, but I don't think that we intend the applicants here to

determine, during the application process, who's going to be selected, just the process for how it will happen.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Correct. The applicant doesn't need to come in with specific sites in mind that you're planning--that, you know, you're committing to. One of the things that I think Eugenia mentioned, and I mentioned also, is that during the project, there will be close coordination between the grantee--the applicant, and OVC. So, for example, if the grantee ends up receiving a technical assistance request from a particular jurisdiction, we expect that before technical assistance is provided, you'll notify OVC as to who's requested what and what did they ask for, and we will make sure that those activities are coordinated with the other TA initiatives that we have going on at OVC. So, for example, maybe one of our other TA entities is already doing something in that very same city, and we would want to make sure things are well coordinated and not duplicated so people don't get confused at the local level as to who's doing what. So, really, that's what we meant, that OVC and the grantee together will, kind of, make final decisions about, you know, who's getting what kind of TTA. I hope that helps.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you, Mary. Just a reminder here. A question came through about "URLs." The--web--the PowerPoint presentation, a transcript, as well as the recording for this webinar will all be posted to the OVC website in approximately 5 to 7 business days. At that point in time, you can also get the URLs. In addition, the URLs have been added to the chat box, and so, you should be able to copy and paste those into a Word document while we're actually on this webinar.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: And this is Eugenia. I do think that the links that were in the slides here are already in the solicitation itself.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Mm-hmm.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: I don't think there are any new links in the slides, so, I would say reference the solicitation…

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Yeah.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: …for people who are looking for links.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: You're absolutely right. They are. I forgot about that. Thank you. Let me just look at this one question that came through.

"If you receive applications from entities that would complement each other in services, will OVC recommend collaboration and consider funding multiple entities?"

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: I think--I think that the best thing I can say is at this point, OVC is only planning to make one award. So, if you know that there are other organizations that are going to apply, maybe you could apply together and determine which one would be the lead applicant that would submit the award, the grant award, to OVC. But at this point, I cannot say that OVC is interested in making two awards. We're really just interested in making one. So, if

you--if you're interested in collaborating with someone to implement this very large national-scope project and share responsibilities, I'd say, go in together.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: I agree. Yeah. It's--We plan on making one award and that's it.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: And at that time, that is our last question and we happen to be at 1:58. We are scheduled to end at 2:00. So, good timing.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Thank you very much, everyone.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Yes, thank you.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: And please don't hesitate to let us know if you have questions.

MARY JO GIOVACCHINI: Thank you. Bye-bye.

MARY ATLAS-TERRY: Bye-bye.

EUGENIA PEDLEY: Bye.