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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Dear Colleague:

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) has been receiving calls regarding the upcoming OVS Conference from Victim Assistance Programs (VAPs) preparing their 2015-16 budgets. For this OVS sponsored conference only, we will allow VAPs to charge 100% of the costs associated with this event for any direct service personnel that wish to attend the conference regardless of the percent of their salary funded by OVS. For any other training requests, all previous rules apply.

The Statewide Conference will be held beginning at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27 and will end by noon on Thursday, October 29. The start and end time was selected to allow for travel to and from the conference to minimize the need for additional overnight stay. To assist you in preparing your renewal budget, the Conference registration fee will be \$150 per person and the hotel room rate is \$96 per night. There will be an additional charge to attend the dinner event on Wednesday night. Those costs will not exceed the approved per diem rate for dinner but has not been set at this time. Additional information will be available when the conference registration materials are sent out in September. If you need to review the per diem rates for Syracuse, you may do so at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>.

On behalf of the Office of Victim Services, we hope you will be able to attend our Statewide Conference in October. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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