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

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Dear Colleague:

The US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is encouraging comments until **March 11, 2016** on a proposed, generic, information collection system that will allow BJS to conduct a variety of survey-based studies. This is a major project being funded mostly by the Office of Victims of Crime meant to be an on-going census of victim service providers throughout the country. BJS is collecting comments concerning the proposed collection of information.

Your comments to BJS should address one or more of the following four points:

- whether the proposed data collection is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility,
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions,
- whether and how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced,
- the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

For more information on BJS publications, data collections, data analysis tools, and funding opportunities, [visit BJS online](#). You can also access the notice in the Federal Register above.

OVS would be interested in receiving copies of any comments you submit to BJS. You may also provide copies to NAAVA at [steve@naava.org](mailto:steve@naava.org).

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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