services in civil matters concerning abducted children.

## Program Strategy

This solicitation and resulting cooperative agreement will ensure the effective continuance by OJJDP of a national resource center and clearinghouse function for the training and technical assistance program to law enforcement agencies; State and local governments; entities of the criminal justice system, public and private nonprofit agencies; and individuals in the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of abducted, missing, and exploited children and in assisting, locating, and reuniting the missing children with their families or legal custodians.

The applicant must demonstrate the experience and capability to provide timely, relevant professional program continuity for the national resource center and clearinghouse program. The successful applicant must demonstrate, in detail, the ability to enlist, train and manage the technical and professional personnel who will provide knowledgeable, credible program continuation and professional program technology transfer to parents, criminal justice system professionals, and nonprofit and community agencies.

The operation of a national resource center and clearinghouse requires the applicant to provide and arrange for all necessary operational, training publications, analytical and technical assistance personnel, facilities, equipment, materials, and services required for the successful continuation of the existing program activities. These include the following activities:

- 1. The provision to State and local governments, public and private nonprofit agencies, and individuals information regarding free or low-cost legal, restaurant, lodging, and transportation services that are available for the benefit of missing children and their families:
- 2. The development of a public education/awareness campaign utilizing the media and other sources specifically focused on the area of family abductions and the true impact this type of abduction has on the children, families involved, and society in general;
- 3. To coordinate publications, media activities and all special events with and through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention;
- 4. The provision to State and local governments, public and private nonprofit agencies, and individuals information regarding the existence and nature of programs being carried out by

Federal agencies to assist missing/ exploited children and their families;

5. To provide and coordinate with OJJDP's Title IV Training Program technical assistance and training to criminal justice agencies, State and local governments, elements of the criminal justice and youth service system, public and private nonprofit agencies, organized missing/exploited children community organizations, and individuals in locating, recovering, and reuniting missing children with their family or legal custodian;

6. The provision of a national 24-hour toll-free telephone line by which individuals may report information regarding the location of any missing child and request information pertaining to the necessary procedures to reunite such child with the child's legal custodian(s);

7. The provision of information derived from the national 24-hour toll-free telephone line to appropriate cognizant entities in a timely manner;

8. The coordination of the operation of the 24-hour toll-free telephone line with the operation of the national communications system established to serve runaways (under section 313 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. 5712a);

9. The coordination of public and private programs that seek to locate, recover, or reunite missing children with their legal custodians;

10. The dissemination of information about, and the provision of technical assistance and training publications regarding comprehensive, innovative, community, multi-agency missing children programs, services, and legislation;

11. The provision of information to State and local governments, public and private nonprofit agencies and individuals to facilitate the lawful use of school records and birth certificates to identify and locate missing children; and

12. The provision and maintenance of a national on-line computer for the dissemination of information and technical assistance to and communication between the State Clearinghouses, law enforcement agencies, and appropriate nonprofit organizations established to assist in locating, recovering, and reuniting of missing children with their legal guardian(s) including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada and New Scotland Yard in the United Kingdom.

13. The applicant will include in its application a detailed plan for the establishment of a grant advisory board independent of any existing

organizational advisory board. The advisory board will be made up of at least ten (10) individuals representing, at a minimum, the following agencies: law enforcement, nonfamily abduction victim parent, family abduction victim parent, nonprofit missing children organization, social services, mental health, courts, prosecution. This board membership will be submitted to OJJDP for approval.

14. The applicant will include in its application a detailed plan to justify a proposed resource allocation (staff and funds) based on the actual number of missing/abducted child cases by category and the amount and type of technical assistance needed to meet the mandates of the national resource center

and clearinghouse.

15. The applicant will include in its application a detailed plan for coordination with the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law, in the development of a formalized process for working with the state bar associations and other appropriate organizations for providing parents and legal guardians with a referral service for obtaining pro bono or sliding scale legal services in civil matters concerning their abducted children.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are invited from public agencies and not-for-profit private organizations. Applicant organizations may choose to submit joint proposals with other eligible organizations as long as one organization is designated in the application as the applicant and coapplicants are designated as such.

The applicant and co-applicants must demonstrate fully the required experience to deliver continuation support services as required in section VI. Applicants must demonstrate, in addition to program knowledge and support experience, programmatic and fiscal management capabilities to implement a project of this size and scope effectively. Applicants who fail to demonstrate that they have the experienced capability to manage a program of this size and complexity will be ineligible for funding consideration.

## Specific Application Requirements

All applicants must submit a completed Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424); a Standard Form 424A, Budget Information; OJP Form 4000/3, Assurances; and OJP Form 4061/6, Certifications. In addition to these forms, all applicants must include a project summary, a budget narrative, and a program narrative. All not-for-