

Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Eligibility Certification

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FY 2023 Competitive DNA CEBR

On behalf of the State named below, I certify the following to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

- (A) That the applicant entity
- a. Is a state¹ or unit of local government with an existing crime laboratory or laboratory systems that conduct forensic DNA and/or DNA database sample analysis;
 - b. Participates in external audits, not less than once every 2 years, that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Quality Assurance Standards established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
 - c. Is accredited by a nonprofit professional organization actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community;
 - d. Participates in the National DNA Index System (NDIS), or have an agreement with an NDIS participating laboratory to upload their data;
 - e. Enters all eligible DNA profiles obtained with funding from this program into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and, where applicable, are uploaded into the National DNA Index System (NDIS). No profiles generated with funding from this program may be entered into any nongovernmental DNA database without prior express written approval from BJA.
 - f. Ensures that all profiles uploaded to NDIS follow NDIS DNA Data Acceptance Standards. (See <https://www.fbi.gov/services/laboratory/biometric-analysis/codis/codis-and-ndis-fact-sheet> for more information.)
 - g. Ensures that each DNA analysis conducted and resulting profile generated under this program is maintained pursuant to all applicable federal privacy requirements, including those described in 34 U.S.C. § 12592(b)(3);
 - h. Prioritizes, to the extent practicable consistent with public safety considerations, DNA testing of samples from rape kits, samples from other sexual assault evidence, and samples taken in cases without an identified suspect.
- (B) That the state or unit of local government has determined, by statute, rule, or regulation, those offenses under State law that shall be treated for purposes of this program as qualifying State offenses;

¹ For purposes of this solicitation, the term "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virginia Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

- (C) Assures that the State or unit of local government has implemented, or will implement not later than 120 days after the date of such application, a comprehensive plan for the expeditious DNA analysis of samples in accordance with the purposes of this solicitation;
- (D) Assures that the DNA section of the laboratory to be used to conduct DNA analyses has a written policy that prioritizes the analysis of, to the extent practicable consistent with public safety considerations, samples from homicides and sexual assaults.
- (E) That approximately [redacted] % portion of funding shall be used to carry out for inclusion in CODIS, DNA analyses of samples collected under applicable legal authority;
- (F) That approximately [redacted] % portion of funding shall be used to carry out, for inclusion in CODIS, DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes.
- (G) That approximately [redacted] % portion of funding shall be used to increase the capacity of the laboratory to carry out DNA analyses of database and/or crime scene samples for inclusion in CODIS; [all highlighted sections must be filled in with numeric values and the sum of all three shall equal 100]

I am the chief executive officer of the State or unit of local government and have authority to make this certification. I am aware that a false statement in this certification may be the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that certifications provided in connection with Office of Justice Programs grants are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Name of State or Unit of Local Government

Date

Name of Applicant Agency