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City, State and Zip:	WHEATON, IL 60187	
Recipient UEI:	W7KRN7E54898	
Project Title: FY2025 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program - DuPage County Forensic Science Center	Award Number: 15PBJA-25-GG-01920-DNAX	
Solicitation Title: BJA FY25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR)- Formula Grants Program		
Federal Award Amount: \$317,583.00	Federal Award Date: 4/17/26	
Awarding Agency:	Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	
Opportunity Category: D		
Assistance Listing: 16.036 - Comprehensive Forensic DNA Analysis Grant Program		
Project Period Start Date: 10/1/25	Project Period End Date: 9/30/27	
Budget Period Start Date: 10/1/25	Budget Period End Date: 9/30/27	
Project Description:		
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Comprehensive Forensic DNA Analysis Grant Program

Statutory Authority

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (Pub. L. No. 119-4, Div. A, Secs. 1101(a)(2) and 1301(4), 139 Stat. 9, 10-11, 17; see Pub. L. No. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 147, para. 10(A))

Current Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

James Mendrick

Solicitation Information

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Project Budget Summary

This award did not receive a budget review as indicated by the budget review selection made when publishing a solicitation.