



**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**Tribal Affairs Division**

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Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Tribal Leaders and Representatives:

The charter for the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women has been renewed and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking nominations to expand the number of Task Force members. The Task Force has provided advice and recommendations to the Department's National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and OVW on the implementation of a program of research that examines violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, murder, and sex trafficking, and evaluates the effectiveness of federal, state, Tribal and local responses to these crimes. Task Force members have provided recommendations on NIJ's research priorities, research design strategies, research and evaluation protocol issues, and research and evaluation findings from studies conducted to date.

OVW is requesting nominations for new members who have diverse expertise, experience, and are representative of Tribes across Indian country and Alaska. OVW is looking to add members who include Tribal researchers, victim advocates, and other related disciplines, in addition to law enforcement and legal representation. As required by authorizing legislation, Task Force nominees must be representative of one of the following entities:

- (1) Tribal governments;
- (2) national Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault non-profit organizations; or
- (3) national Tribal organizations.

The Task Force members are expected to attend meetings that usually last 1-2 days, be prepared to discuss topics and materials distributed in advance of each meeting, and draft written recommendations and reports, as necessary. Additional information on the Task Force can be found on the OVW and NIJ websites at: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> and <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/tribal-crime-and-justice>.

For each nominee, the nominating entity should submit a cover letter recommending the individual to serve as the entity's representative and explaining the individual's qualifications to serve on the Task Force, as well as a copy of the individual's resume or curriculum vitae. The cover letters and supporting documentation should be submitted by e-mail to [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov) **no later than Monday, September 30, 2024.**

Please contact Jenny Mills, Program Specialist, at (202) 856-8289, [jenny.mills2@usdoj.gov](mailto:jenny.mills2@usdoj.gov), if you have questions about the nomination process. I look forward to receiving your nomination for membership to the Task Force. Thank you for your continued dedication to addressing violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Sincerely,

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