

**Computer Forensics and Evidence Recovery Initiative**  
**Illinois State Police**  
**Program Abstract**  
**DUNS #806810164**

**Applicant's Name:** Illinois State Police  
**Title of Project:** Computer Forensics and Evidence Recovery Initiative  
**Project Funding Amount:** \$4,584,218  
**Category V:** Enhancing Forensic and Crime Scene Investigations

**Project Goals:**

Enhance the computer forensic and digital evidence recovery capabilities of the Illinois State Police through the purchasing of specialized computer forensic equipment and the hiring and training of non-sworn Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists. Also, the Illinois State Police will address the computer forensic and investigative needs of various law enforcement agencies throughout the state by assisting those citizens who fall victim to such computer related crimes as child exploitation.

**Strategies:**

The Illinois State Police will incorporate the use of the latest in computer forensic hardware and software along with highly trained forensic examiners to assist law enforcement investigators in enhancing their investigations and ensuring all possible prosecution is obtained. These forensic investigators will be assigned throughout Illinois to allow for accessibility to all local, county, and state law enforcement agencies.

**Key/Major Deliverables:**

1. Hire 14 non-sworn Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists.
2. Provide the Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists with a minimum of 64 hours of annual computer forensics training the first year and a minimum of 32 hours each subsequent year.
3. Once fully trained, the Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists will conduct a total 140 forensic exams for law enforcement agencies.
4. Once fully trained, the Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists will provide an anticipated 70 hours of expert court related testimony in criminal cases related to their forensic exams.
5. The Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists will provide 840 technical assistance responses to law enforcement agencies.

**Coordination Plans:**

The Illinois State Police, Division of Operations, will coordinate the hiring and training of the forensic examiners as well as the purchasing of computer forensic equipment and software. Once implemented, the examiners will receive yearly training to maintain any certifications they may possess as forensic examiners. The Computer Evidence Recovery Specialists will be provided software updates and equipment upgrades as needed to maintain the most up-to-date forensic capabilities.