



U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, DC 20530

February 8, 2019

Dear Tribal Representative:

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking nominations for members of the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women (Task Force). OVW previously solicited and received new nominations for Task Force members in October 2016 and September 2017. As Acting Director of OVW, I have met so many dedicated tribal leaders, criminal justice professionals, and advocates. Thus, I have decided to re-solicit nominations for new members to consider, in addition to the nominations that OVW previously received. OVW is particularly interested in individuals with law enforcement and prosecutorial experience.

By statute, Task Force members must be representatives of one of the following entities: tribal governments; national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault non-profit organizations; or national tribal organizations. Task Force candidates should be nominated by the authorized representative of the listed governments or organizations (i.e., tribal council or executive director).

For each nominee, the nominating entity must submit a cover letter recommending the individual 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 letter and supporting documentation should be submitted by e-mail to OVW.taskforce@usdoj.gov **no later than April 30, 2019**. OVW will conduct a vetting process on the nominations, which will include a telephone interview, public records search, input from the Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and forwarding the nominees' names to the Attorney General, including those recommended by OVW for selection, for his approval.

Task Force members are expected to: attend meetings that usually last 1-2 days; be prepared to discuss 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://www.nij.gov/topics/tribal-justice/vaw-research/pages/task-force.aspx>.

Please contact Sherriann C. Moore, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs at (202) 616-0039, if you have questions regarding the nomination process. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and working with the new Task Force. Thank you for your continued dedication to addressing violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katharine T. Sullivan".

Katharine T. Sullivan
Acting Director