

# NASCSA NEWS

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## Greetings!

This is a brief update with important information of interest to NASCSA members and friends. We are very excited about a number of new initiatives that we believe will enhance NASCSA's ability to provide valuable services to our members and provide a forum for those interested in controlled substances issues. In the coming months you will be hearing more about these efforts. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of NASCSA at a very important time in its history. It is certainly a great way to kick off the year as we move to 2009 where we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

If you have suggestions or comments about the newsletter please take a few moments to let me know or contact the NASCSA office.

Sincerely,

Karen Tannert, President, NASCSA

## NASCSA to Apply For Funding Opportunity

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has posted a solicitation for a federal grant to perform technical assistance for prescription monitoring programs (PMP). This grant, through the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, would be for a 12 month period with activities starting October 1, 2008 and could be awarded to one or more applicants for a total of up to \$670,000. The solicitation is posted at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08PDMPPTTAsol.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08PDMPPTTAsol.pdf)

In a unanimous decision, the Executive Committee has voted to apply for this grant. Some requirements of the grant include providing a model curriculum for stakeholders, a technical assistance web site, 3-4 regional meetings, a bi-monthly update on PMP implementation as well as other information, and a national conference for up to 150 attendees. The deadline for submitting applications is May 15, 2008.

As early as 2005, the Executive Committee began to discuss enhancing NASCSA's ability to be the clearinghouse for information on controlled substance issues, including prescription monitoring programs (PMP). Much of the Committee's work has recently come to fruition so the timing of this grant is fortuitous.

If awarded the grant, NASCSA will be able to provide many more resources and technical assistance for states with a PMP. NASCSA will truly be fulfilling its mission - to provide a continuing mechanism through which state and federal agencies, as well as others, can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent and control drug diversion and abuse. It is the intention of

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NASCSA to work closely with organizations and interested parties involved with PMPs during this project including but not limited to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs, and others.

The announcement of the award is not expected for several months. Should NASCSA be successful, additional details will be communicated with the membership as they become available and any updates will be provided at the annual conference.

We hope you have enjoyed our electronic newsletter. If you have news items to share or other information that may be helpful to our members, please forward to me.

**Sincerely,**

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