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BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ANNOUNCES ENHANCED WEBSITE ***Interactive Features to Benefit Justice Field and General Public***

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) redesigned website is available for use at www.bja.gov. The new BJA website provides a customizable and interactive platform that allows users to quickly gain access to information they consider most important and relevant.

“We want to ensure that all users are able to quickly obtain the information and resources available that can be of most benefit to their interests and needs,” said Denise O’Donnell, BJA’s Director. “In these times of scarce resources, we at BJA are doing everything we can to facilitate the flow of available BJA information, resources, and tools to the criminal justice field.”

The BJA Portal allows users to personalize their settings based on their areas of interest and to save resources to MyBJA dashboards. New and important BJA announcements, such as solicitations or publication releases, which are on the homepage, will be posted to the users’ individualized page.

MyBJA Dashboard consists of a compilation of BJA and related information closely aligned to the users’ registration profile. New features include:

- A general **Events page** contains BJA and related criminal justice events from around the country filtered by location and searchable by keyword.
- **Events Near Me** enables users to search for programs by city/state or zip code, with results rendered on a map which allows users to get further details about a particular event. An enhanced search allows users to search specific dates and topic areas.
- **My Favorites** enables users to save content, which appears when the log into their MyBJA account.

The BJA website also hosts the National Training and Technical Assistance Center; users can apply for technical assistance via an automated Training and Technical Assistance request form. The Center provides information and develops skills targeting specific needs and issues facing the criminal justice community.

New and important BJA announcements, such as grant solicitations or new publications, can be found on the homepage. An option to “**Tour the new site**” is offered to all new and repeat users.

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