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## **Federal Budget Cut Impact Survey**

Last year, the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) and the Vera Institute of Justice conducted a survey on the impact of federal budget cuts on crime fighting programs. Over 700 practitioners from across the criminal justice system took the survey last year.

When last year's survey was conducted, however, only the FY11 grants had reached the field. Now that the FY12 grants have been awarded, NCJA and Vera are updating the survey to get a more complete picture of the toll the budget cuts have taken on the work to prevent and suppress crime in the field. Vera and the NCJA will analyze and publicize the findings before Congress completes the FY14 funding cycle.

The survey asks about budget and staff cuts, and it asks respondents to describe the impact of the cuts in their own words. These vivid stories were compelling in last year's survey, and we encourage you and your members to tell them again this year.

We hope you will take the survey and forward it widely to colleagues who also rely on federal justice assistance grants. Please use this link to take the online survey: <u>http://ncja.org/criminal-justice-practitioners-survey</u>. Responses can be kept completely confidential.

## The survey will close on Friday, August 2nd.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Melissa Nee at: <u>mnee@napo.org</u>.

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