

# National Institute of Justice

**Award Title:** USB Live Acquisition and Triage Tool (US-LATT)

**Award Description:**

Among other purposes, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides funds to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery and to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health. In addition to supporting the goals of the Recovery Act, this project also supports the purposes of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program by helping to increase the economic efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement activities. This project will address law enforcement technology requirements and priorities in the areas of ' officer safety, public safety, decision-making, and electronic crime. In consideration of the goals, objectives, and intended impact of the Recovery Act, priority consideration has been given to proposals that demonstrate the potential for increasing law enforcement efficiency and effectiveness and/or support job creation or preservation on an expedited time frame. The project funded under this award is for the development of a USB device to acquire evidence from live, running computers using the Windows operating system. The ability to capture data from live systems has become critical to investigators. Forensic data collected from live computer operating systems can significantly impact the course and the efficiency of an investigation. The capacity to collect evidence from live, running computers would provide investigators with the ability to preserve digital evidence in an unaltered state and help prevent the loss of information'when a computer system is 'unplugged"that may be useful to an investigation.

The Federal funds provided will also enable the applicant to retain technical and support staff members over the next 12-18 months.

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**Awardee Name:** WetStone Technologies, Inc.

**Award Number:** 2009-SQ-B9-K015

**Solicitation Title:** NIJ FY 09 Recovery Act: Law Enforcement Technology Research and Development

**Fiscal Year:** 2009

**Amount:** \$77,852.00

**Earmark:** No

**Recovery Act:** Yes

**State/Territory:** NY

**County:** Tompkins

**Congressional District:** 22

**Award Status:** Closed