

**21st Annual VOMA
International Training Institute and Conference
October 24-28, 2005
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Request for Proposals

The Victim Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) is seeking proposals for trainings and workshops at its 21st annual international training institute and conference, October 24-28, 2005 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Together, the Institute and Conference will present leaders and innovators in the areas of restorative justice.

The Training Institute will be held Monday, October 24 through Wednesday, October 26, 2005. Trainings will be offered in basic and advanced VOM/Conferencing, as well as other related restorative justice topics.

The Conference will be held Wednesday, October 26 through Friday, October 28, overlapping one day with the training institute. The conference will offer workshops covering a variety of RJ, VOM, conferencing and program management issues. Workshops should generally fit into 1.5 hour sessions with the possibility of a few workshops extending to 3 hours.

Proposals in all areas of restorative justice, VOM, conferencing and other restorative justice approaches are invited. Proposals will be selected on the basis of relevance to the field and how they contribute to overall conference diversity. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:


Basic and advanced VOM training	Indigenous forms of justice
Cross-cultural and diversity issues	Community empowerment
Group conferencing models	Victim & offender sensitivity training
Dialogues in serious & violent offenses	Volunteer recruitment & development
Victim empathy & impact panels	Circle practices
Community mediation programs & VOM	Issues in starting a VOM program
RJ/VOM applications in corrections	Program evaluation & review
Foundational RJ values & philosophies	Research results on RJ/VOM
International approaches to RJ	Collaborating with Victim Services
Other approaches in RJ	

To submit proposals please complete the attached Request for Proposals form & mail or email to:

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The request for proposals form is also available on the VOMA website at:
www.voma.org

The deadline for proposals is January 10, 2005.  Receipt of proposals will be confirmed after they are received. Due to the high volume of proposals VOMA receives, we are unable to accept all proposals submitted. Presenters will be informed of selection by February 15, 2005.

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Title of presentation: _____

Presenter's Name: _____

Presenter's mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please copy this form and list additional presenters separately. The presenter listed above will be used as the contact person for this proposal.

Please include a 50-word biography of each presenter.

Type of session: _____ Workshop
_____ 1 day training _____ 2 day training _____ 3 day training
_____ Basic _____ Advanced

Description of topic and presentation: _____

Honorarium Policy:

There are no reimbursements for workshop presenters. Trainers are not expected to pay for the day(s) they are training. In addition, trainers will be able to attend an equal number of training/conference days at no cost.

Send completed proposal by January 10, 2005 to:

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