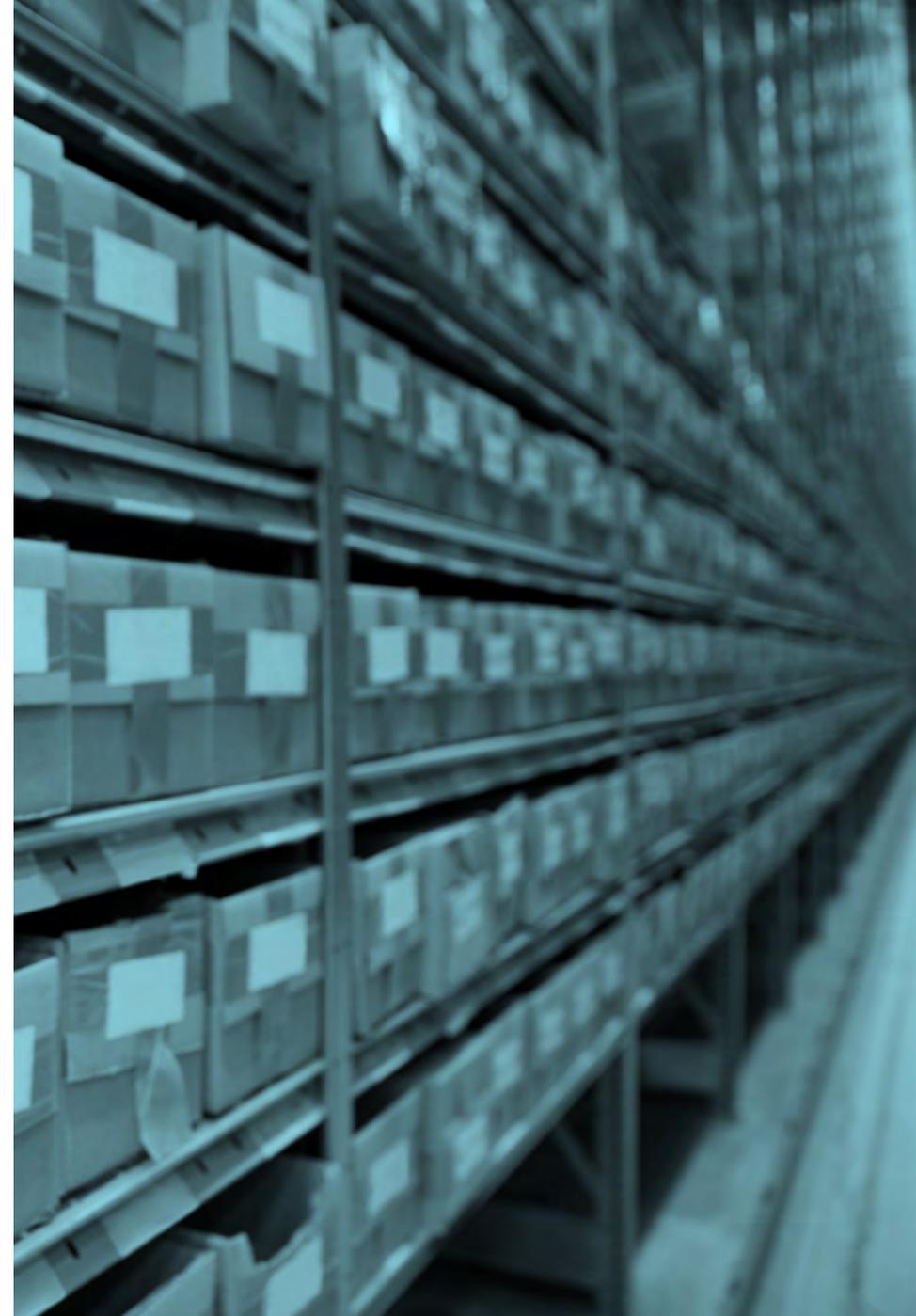




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WI Sexual Assault Kit Initiative – 6,796 kits

- 2015 – BJA Award of \$2,000,000
 - Create a SAKI SART within DOJ
 - Two special agents
 - A victim services specialist
 - A prosecutor
 - A research analyst
 - Create a survivor outreach campaign
 - SAKI Inventory Kit testing
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NEWS RELEASE

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDED GRANT FUNDING TO ELIMINATE UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE KITS

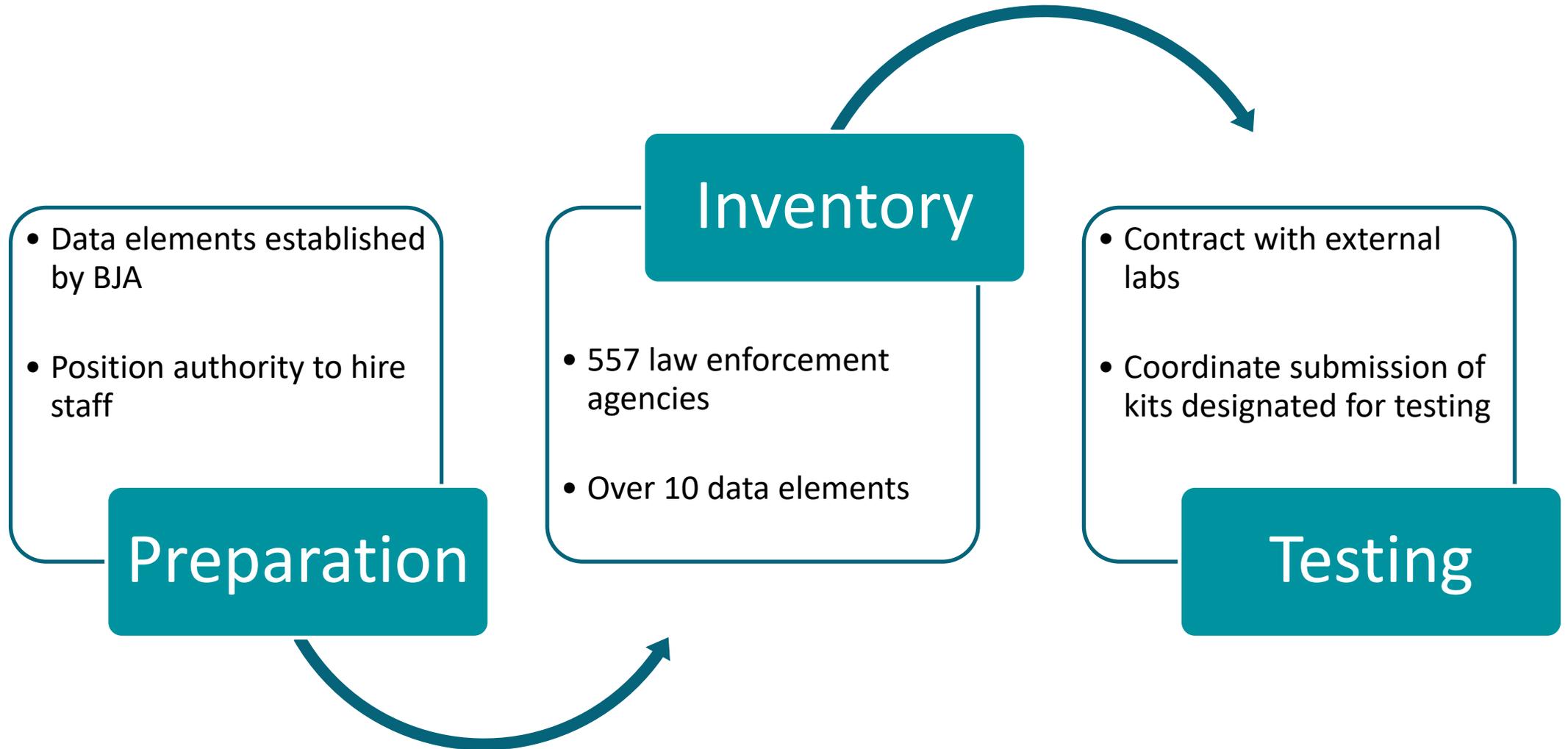
September 10, 2015

Contact: Anne E. Schwartz 608-266-6686

MADISON Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel is proud to announce the Wisconsin Department of Justice was awarded \$4 million in grant funding today to eliminate untested sexual assault forensic evidence kits.

This money will go a long way to bring justice to survivors of sexual assault, said Schimel. We owe it to those who had the courage to report a sexual assault and underwent a sexual assault forensic exam, to now test their kits, investigate their cases, and hold their perpetrators accountable. With these grants we will save others from becoming victims and we will make our communities safer.

WI Sexual Assault Kit Initiative



Little progress made on untested rape kits

Keegan Kyle, USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin

Published 11:33 a.m. CT Jan 13, 2016 | Updated 2:37 p.m. CT Jan 13, 2016

The state has been given \$4 million in grants to tackle the issue, but the Department of Justice hasn't made much progress since



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HAND DELIVERED

TO: Senator Robert Cowles and Representative Samantha Kerkman
Co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee

FROM: Representative Melissa Sargent

SUBJECT: Requested Audit of the Department of Justice Sexual Assault Kit Testing

The recent article indicates the approach taken by the Wisconsin Department of Justice with respect to sexual assault testing is staggeringly inefficient, possibly wasteful, and demonstrates a lack of urgency that is insensitive at best and absolutely deplorable at worst. It is in light of this that I respectfully request an audit of the matter be conducted by the Legislative Audit Bureau. Specifically, the audit should address the following questions:

Survivor Perception & Impact

The needs and well-being of the survivors are of utmost concern...

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