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Dear Tribal Leader:

Thank you for making the time to participate in our Tribal Consultation conference calls in December 2009. As I mentioned in my December 14, 2009 letter to you, it was important for us to obtain your input as we began the process of improving and simplifying the grant-making process in Fiscal Year 2010. We proposed the single coordinated Tribal solicitation process to address the concerns you articulated through tribal consultation and at the Attorney General's listening session.

We listened and carefully considered your comments in developing the FY 2010 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). We are pleased to let you know that our approach incorporates a number of your recommendations. In particular, as a result of the comments we received from you during the December Consultation, the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW's) Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program will not be a part of this coordinated solicitation.

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation combines all of the Departments available existing Tribal government-specific grant programs into a single solicitation. We encourage you also to apply for all other Department of Justice grant programs for which you are eligible, in addition to responding to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

I am enclosing a copy of the CTAS Fact Sheet to provide you with additional information about CTAS. The Fact Sheet provides important information about the requirements for registration for CTAS, particularly for those of you who have not applied for Department of Justice grants in the past and those of you who have not applied for Department of Justice grants within the past year. We urge you to complete this registration process as early as possible.

We also created a dedicated tribal website to provide additional CTAS information. Please visit the website located at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov.

One goal of this new approach is to help us address your Tribe's criminal justice needs on a more comprehensive basis. We encourage you to begin your strategic community justice planning process, to identify your criminal justice needs.

This is the first step in our efforts to improve the Department of Justice's grant-making process and to streamline it for you. We are committed to building tribal capacity and moving forward together to reach this common goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Perrelli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'T'.

Thomas J. Perrelli

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Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fact Sheet

"Let us resolve to continue our communication, and our collaboration. The immediate task is to transform proposals into policy, ideas into implementation." - Attorney General Eric Holder

As the Attorney General made clear at the Listening Session in October, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is committed to a sustained partnership with Tribal governments to improve public safety in Tribal communities, to ensure the security of Native women, and to build a better future for young people who are the future of Tribal communities. At the Listening Session, senior Justice Department officials heard the articulated needs of Tribal governments to achieve these goals. Additionally, two National Tribal Teleconference Calls were held on December 18 and 23, 2009 in order to obtain your input in the development of this new approach. Many Tribal leaders expressed a need to improve the Justice Department's grant-making process and we heard you.

How is the Department's Fiscal Year 2010 grant process different from other years?

In Fiscal Year 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010), we will be issuing one, single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation that encompasses the Department's available Tribal government-specific grant programs.¹ Please note that only the application process has been streamlined; the federal resources appropriated in Fiscal Year 2010 will remain with the DOJ component or office to which they were originally appropriated.

Under the FY 2010 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, the Department will ask each Tribe to submit a single application for all available DOJ Tribal government-specific grant programs, according to the Tribes' needs. The advantage of this coordinated process is that, when DOJ reviews a single application from your Tribe, it will have a better understanding of your overall public safety needs. The grant-making components then will coordinate in making award decisions to address these needs on a more comprehensive basis. This solicitation and application process is targeted to begin mid-March 2010.

¹ OVV's Tribal Coalitions Grant Program will not be a part of this consolidated effort. Those interested in applying for these grants must apply directly to OVV.

In the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, each DOJ Tribal government-specific competitive grant program is referred to as a different "Purpose Area." Each Tribe may select the Purpose Area(s) that best address your public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization needs. The different DOJ grant-making components will make and administer multiple awards by Purpose Area. The awarding DOJ component will manage the grants in the same manner that grants are currently managed.

Please note that tribes or tribal consortium may be eligible for other, non-Tribal specific DOJ grant-funding opportunities and may submit a separate application to any grant programs for which they may be eligible.

What can Tribal governments expect for the future?

This single solicitation is just a first step in improving the grant-making process and addressing the concerns raised by Tribal leaders. Our longer term goal is to move toward a more flexible and sustainable grant funding model. The Department will work closely with the Tribes to explore ways to further improve the grant-making process and to better meet the public safety needs of Tribal communities.

Tribal Community & Justice Profile

In preparing your application, we encourage you to review your community, public safety and justice systems to help identify gaps in services that grant programs can address. The description below is provided to help you prepare your profile.

Current Demographics: The tribe's enrollment, its current local population; the size of the reservation; jurisdiction to be served; whether the Tribe has a direct, contract, or compact service delivery system; the Tribe's form of government; and other general information.

Victim Services: The type of victim services available to the local Tribal community, including emergency health care and

behavior health care systems. Please be sure to address whether and what services are available for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Court System: Whether your Tribe is subject to Federal or State criminal jurisdiction, the type of court system operated by or for the Tribe, any cross-jurisdictional cooperative agreements with State or local courts, and any related probation, parole, reentry services available.

Law Enforcement: A description of the type of law enforcement services provided to your Tribe, including the sworn force strength, any cross-jurisdictional cooperative agreements, sex offender registry, task forces, communication-information sharing systems, or similar arrangements.

Facilities: The type of facilities used to support the public safety and justice system, such as: courthouse, police, transitional housing, jails (adult/juvenile), treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, emergency shelters, etc.

Juvenile/Youth Services: The type of youth prevention, mentoring, delinquency, child protection teams, and rehabilitation services available in your community.

Community Needs Assessment

In this section of the Tribal community and justice profile, the Tribe should address the following issues:

Problem statement: Describe the most pressing Tribal justice, community safety, and victimization issues that face your community.

Service Area: The impacted or service area(s) of the community or communities in which the grant-funded project(s) would be implemented, including geographic location, socioeconomic data, total population, age range of population, membership, governance and other relevant demographic information.

Current Efforts: Your existing and previous efforts and collaborations to address these issues, including whether you used previously awarded grant funds.

Data and Examples: Data and examples to explain the nature of the issue, including incident data, number of calls for assistance, and information on age, gender, arrest volume, crime patterns for juvenile and adult offenders, the geographic environment, and target population. If this data is unavailable, offer an explanation for the lack of the data, and provide alternative information to support the identified problem(s).

How does a Tribal government apply for DOJ grants?

If you think that your Tribe may be interested in applying for DOJ funding, we encourage you to register to apply for funding. All potential applicants, including Tribes, need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government. Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, please visit: <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Registration with the OJP GMS is required prior to application submission under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. First-time applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying. Applicants with existing GMS accounts do *not* need to re-register; rather they should use current user ids and passwords to access GMS. Your Tribe may have already established a DUNS number. First tier sub awardees must also have a DUNS number and register with the CCR. Please check with your grants administrator or chief financial officer to see if your organization has a DUNS number. To obtain a DUNS number, call the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Customer Resource Center at 1-866-705-5711 or visit <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. To verify or renew a CCR registration, visit <http://www.ccr.gov>. Tribes must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Please allow up to three weeks to complete the CCR registration process. If your organization is not registered with CCR, identify a primary contact who should register your Tribe. Keep in mind that your Tribe must receive a DUNS number *before* it can register with CCR.

For more information please refer to our Tribal Justice and Safety website: <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/>. For programmatic assistance contact the Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or by email at tribalgrants@usdoj.gov. The Response Center hours of operation are Monday - Friday (except U.S. Federal government holidays) from 9:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time. The Response Center will remain open on the solicitation closing date until 9:00 pm Eastern Time.

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Areas

1. Improve public safety and enhance community policing capacity (COPS- Tribal Resources Grant Program – TRGP)

2. Prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse-related crimes (BJA- Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program – IASAP)

3. Develop and enhance the operation of tribal justice systems (BJA- Tribal Courts Assistance Program – TCAP)

4. Plan, renovate or construct correctional and/or correctional alternative facilities (BJA- Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program – CFTL)

5. Provide direct intervention and assistance to victims of sexual assault (OVW- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program – TSASP)

6. Enhance responses to violence committed against Indian women and girls (OVW- Tribal Governments Program – TGP)

7. Provide community outreach and victim assistance services to address elder abuse (OVC – Tribal Elder Outreach Program)

8. Prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system (OJJDP – Tribal Youth Program – TYP)

9. Enhance accountability for delinquent behavior (OJJDP- Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Program – TJADG)

10. Develop new demonstration projects on violence prevention and rehabilitation (OJJDP – Tribal Youth Program – TYP)