

## Possible Effects of Existing, Currently Known Demands, Risks, Uncertainties, Events, Conditions, and Trends

The Department's leadership is committed to ensuring its programs and activities will continue to be focused on meeting the dynamic demands of the changing legal, economic, and technological environments of the future.

### Technology

- Advances in high-speed telecommunications, computers, and other technologies are creating new opportunities for criminals, new classes of crimes, and new challenges for law enforcement.

### Economy

- Possible increases in consumer debt or shortage of commercial credit may affect personal and business bankruptcy filings.
- The Department's role in the federal financial recovery effort may increase through criminal and civil litigation.
- The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white-collar crime, and alien smuggling.

### Government

- Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of state and local governments could have significant effects on the capacity of state and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.

### Globalization

- Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environment and trade agreements, and other foreign policy concerns.

### Social-Demographic

- The numbers of adolescents and young adults, now the most crime-prone segment of the population, are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- The Department received \$4.0 billion in funding for programs, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In addition, \$2.0 million was provided for the Department's Office of the Inspector General oversight activities related to Recovery Act funding. The Department is fully committed to ensuring that the funds received are expended responsibly and in a transparent manner to further job creation, economic recovery, and other purposes of the Act.
- Additional information regarding the Department's Recovery Act activities can be found on: <http://www.justice.gov/recovery/>; government-wide Recovery Act information can also be found on: <http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx>.