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Compliance Issues and Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Form

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Version 2.1 of the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Coming October 1, 2012

In order to remain a compliant participant in the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program, an agency must file the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) form annually within 60 days of the end of its fiscal year. This form is frequently updated; therefore agencies must download the form from the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section's (AFMLS) website at www.justice.gov/criminal/afmls/ to ensure the most recent version is used and to find other important information and updates on the Program.

Version 2.1 of the ESAC form will be released on October 1, 2012. This version replaces all previous versions of the form in circulation. Beginning October 1, 2012, AFMLS will no longer accept Version 2.0 and agencies *must* submit Version 2.1.

The new ESAC form improves AFMLS' ability to contact the appropriate employees within an agency. The field previously labeled **Agency Contact** has been changed to **Finance Contact**. The Finance Contact should be able to answer questions regarding specific entries on the form and provide documentation of expenditures if needed. In addition, new fields were created to capture email addresses for the agency's Independent Public Accountant, Agency Head, and Governing Body Head. Lastly, a new agency type selection has been created for National Guard Counterdrug Units.

In addition to the changes on the form, you will notice improved, more detailed pop-up instructions on every required data entry field explaining the data to be reported. These instructions are designed to answer frequently asked questions. If you have questions when completing the ESAC form, contact your AFMLS State Representative.

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