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The strategic goals and objectives of the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2000-2005 are based on the Department's mission, a mission that is embedded in public law. Our goals and objectives are broad and long-term. Most involve the activities of more than one component organization of the Department. Many are undertaken in collaboration with, or the support of, other federal, state and local agencies.

Our goals and objectives reflect several major themes. These include:

- **Partnership.** We are committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other federal agencies, states and localities, tribal governments, community groups, foreign countries, and others. Since critical crime and justice issues almost always transcend traditional jurisdictional and functional boundaries, effective partnerships are a key ingredient to achieving results. In addition, recent advances in communications and transportation, the growth of the global economy, and the breakup of formerly totalitarian states, have underscored the transnational dimensions of the Department's work.
- **Leadership.** We are committed to fulfilling our leadership responsibilities in forging a coordinated national and international response to crime and justice and assisting states, localities and tribal governments. We are also committed to targeting federal investigative and prosecutorial resources on those areas where they can have most strategic effect, for example, attacking multijurisdictional criminal enterprises, or where the Federal Government has lead responsibility, for example, preventing and investigating terrorist threats.
- **Preparedness.** We are committed to maintaining a high-level capability to deter and respond quickly to newly emerging crime threats, including those threats posed by the new technology. Preparedness involves attention to core infrastructure needs to ensure that adequate skills, tools, and processes are in place for meeting the new challenges of the 21st century.
- **Institutional Integrity.** We are committed to preserving and enhancing the integrity and trustworthiness of not only the Department, but the nation's justice system as a whole.

To provide the reader a quick overview, our strategic goals and objectives are listed below.

GOAL 1: KEEP AMERICA SAFE BY ENFORCING FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAWS

Objective 1.1 VIOLENT CRIME

Reduce the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime, especially as it stems from organized criminal enterprises and drug and gang-related violence.

Objective 1.2 DRUGS

Reduce the threat and trafficking of illegal drugs by identifying, disrupting, and dismantling drug trafficking organizations which are international, multijurisdictional, or have an identified local impact.

Objective 1.3 ESPIONAGE

Deter and detect espionage against the United States by strengthening counterintelligence capabilities.

Objective 1.4 TERRORISM

Deter and detect terrorist incidents by developing maximum intelligence and investigative capability.

Objective 1.5 WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Reduce white collar crime, including public corruption, in order to minimize its negative social and economic impacts.

GOAL 2: PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE BY ASSISTING STATE, TRIBAL, LOCAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Objective 2.1 LAW ENFORCEMENT

Improve the crime fighting and criminal justice system capabilities of state, tribal, and local governments.

Objective 2.2 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Reduce youth crime and victimization through targeted programs that emphasize both prevention and enforcement.

Objective 2.3 SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Break the cycle of substance abuse and crime through testing, treatment, and sanctions.

Objective 2.4 VICTIMS OF CRIME

Uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America's crime victims.

Objective 2.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Support innovative, community-based programs aimed at reducing crime and violence in our communities.

GOAL 3: PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY LEGAL REPRESENTATION, ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS AND DEFENSE OF U.S. INTERESTS

Objective 3.1 CIVIL RIGHTS

Uphold the civil rights of all Americans through enforcement of, and education about, federal civil rights laws and protections.

Objective 3.2 ENVIRONMENT

Enforce and defend federal environmental laws and programs across our land, including Indian Country, by investigating and litigating environmental and natural resources violations and issues.

Objective 3.3 ANTITRUST LAWS

Promote competition in the United States economy through enforcement of, improvements to, and education about antitrust laws and principles.

Objective 3.4 TAX LAWS

Promote the fair, correct and uniform enforcement of the federal tax laws and the collection of tax debts to protect the federal fisc from unjustified claims.

Objective 3.5 CIVIL LAWS

Effectively represent the United States in all civil matters for which the Department of Justice has jurisdiction.

GOAL 4: FAIRLY AND EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

Objective 4.1 IMMIGRATION INFORMATION SERVICES

Provide accurate, easy-to-use, readily accessible, and up-to-date information which meets the needs of internal and external customers.

Objective 4.2 IMMIGRATION BENEFITS SERVICES

Deliver services to the public in a professional and courteous manner and ensure that correct immigration benefit decisions are made in a timely and consistent fashion.

Objective 4.3 BORDER ENFORCEMENT

Secure the ports-of-entry, land border and coast of the United States against unlawful entry.

Objective 4.4 BORDER FACILITATION

Facilitate lawful travel and commerce across the borders of the United States.

Objective 4.5 INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT

Preserve the integrity of the legal immigration system and promote public safety and national security by deterring illegal immigration, combating immigration-related crimes and removing individuals, especially criminals, who are unlawfully present in the United States.

Objective 4.6 IMMIGRATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Ensure the effective and efficient operational capability of the INS workforce.

Objective 4.7 ADJUDICATION

Adjudicate all immigration cases in a timely manner while ensuring due process and fair treatment for all parties.

GOAL 5: PROTECT AMERICAN SOCIETY BY PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE, HUMANE AND SECURE CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

Objective 5.1 DETENTION

Provide for the safe, secure and humane confinement of persons who are detained while awaiting trial or sentencing, a hearing on their immigration status, or deportation.

Objective 5.2 PRISON CAPACITY

Ensure that sufficient prison capacity exists so that violent and other serious criminal offenders are imprisoned to the fullest extent of the law.

Objective 5.3 PRISON OPERATION

Maintain and operate the Federal Prison System in a safe, secure, humane, and efficient manner.

Objective 5.4 INMATE SERVICES

Provide services and programs to meet critical inmate needs and facilitate their successful reintegration into society, consistent with community expectations and standards.

GOAL 6: PROTECT THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT TO THE FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO ENSURE IT OPERATES EFFECTIVELY

Objective 6.1 PROTECTING THE JUDICIARY

Protect judges, witnesses and other participants in federal judicial proceedings and ensure the safe and secure operation of the federal court system.

Objective 6.2 FUGITIVES

Apprehend fugitives from justice.

Objective 6.3 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

Meet the needs of, and uphold the rights of, victims and witnesses of federal crimes.

Objective 6.4 BANKRUPTCY

Protect the integrity and ensure the effective operation of the nation's bankruptcy system.

GOAL 7: ENSURE EXCELLENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Objective 7.1 INTEGRITY

Foster integrity, strengthen management accountability, and promote efficiency and effectiveness to ensure public trust and confidence in Department of Justice programs.

Objective 7.2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Improve the effectiveness of Department of Justice operations by strengthening and enforcing controls over assets, improving the usefulness and reliability of financial data for planning and reporting, and maximizing the use of available resources in accomplishing programmatic missions.

Objective 7.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Make effective use of information technology (IT).

Objective 7.4 HUMAN RESOURCES

Strengthen human resource recruitment and retention efforts and provide for a workforce that is skilled, diverse, and committed to excellence.