

# APPENDIX B

## External Factors that May Affect Goal Achievement

The table below summarizes the major elements that may affect goal achievement.

<b>TABLE 2. External factors that may affect goal achievement</b>			
<b>Goal I Counterterrorism</b>	<b>Goal II Enforcement and Representation</b>	<b>Goal III Assistance to State, Local and Tribal Efforts</b>	<b>Goal IV Federal Justice System</b>
<b>TERRORISM AND THE CHANGING POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>			
Foreign political movements, whether state-sponsored or the work of particular groups or individuals, may use terror to achieve their aims and target U.S. persons or interests at home or abroad.			
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<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>			
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.			
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Growing dependence on technology is creating an increasing vulnerability to illegal acts, especially white collar crimes and terrorism.			
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<b>ECONOMY</b>			
Possible increases in consumer debt may affect bankruptcy filings.			
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Deregulation, economic growth, and globalization are changing the volume and nature of anti-competitive behavior.			
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<b>ECONOMY (CONTINUED)</b>			
The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white collar crime, and alien smuggling.			
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The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing the complexity and scope of civil justice matters.			
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The uncertain U.S. labor market may make it more difficult for the Department to predict its ability to attract/retain workers with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.			
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<b>GOVERNMENT</b>			
Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of state and local governments could have dramatic effects on the capacity of state and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.			
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The ability and willingness of state and local governments to allow federal use of their jail space affects achievement of detention goals.			
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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.			
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<b>SOCIAL-DEMOGRAPHIC</b>			
The level of criminal activity is influenced by societal attitudes toward the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol.			
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The number of adolescents and young adults, now the most crime-prone segment of the population, is expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.			
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The United States is an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-racial society. The extent to which societal attitudes and practices reflect a continuing commitment to tolerance, diversity, and equality affects the scope and nature of our work.			
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Achieving our goals depends on strong institutions - families, schools, churches, neighborhood groups, and others - that inspire trust, build community, promote civic and individual responsibility and help secure voluntary compliance with the rule of law.			
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<b>THE UNPREDICTABLE</b>			
The Department is required to respond to emergency or special situations - whether a terrorist incident, a computer attack, a high-profile court proceeding, a school shooting, or some other event - that strains our time, attention and resources.			
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Changes in federal laws may affect our responsibilities and workload.			
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Much of the Department's litigation caseload is defensive. The Department has little control over the number, size, and complexity of the civil lawsuits it must defend.			
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