Dear Participant:

On behalf of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, we wish to thank you for attending this Tribal Justice and Safety Training and Technical Assistance session. This event, the first of four education and information training sessions, was developed with the help of many federal agencies and national organizations.

This session is held in conjunction with the 10th National Indian Nations Conference in Palm Springs, California. Through general sessions and topic-specific workshop/discussion groups, this event will focus on tribal priorities to address public safety and public health; including drug and alcohol abuse, jurisdictional relationships, development of judicial systems, suicide prevention, and many other relevant topics. You will also be provided with information on: 2007 grant-funding opportunities and emerging programs for Indian county such as AMBER Alert and sexual offender registry. There will be opportunities to discuss areas of concern as well as present questions you might have about federal funding priorities and tribal justice-related support activities.

In future sessions we shall focus on evaluation, grants management, and planning for 2008 solicitations. The sessions are scheduled throughout 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jacksonville, Florida; and Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your stay in Palm Springs.

Sincerely,

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