



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

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The Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in a tribal consultation to be held December 15-16, 2011 at the Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico. The first day will be a consultation devoted to the subject of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. The second day will be devoted to two issues: the Department of Justice's grant funding for tribal governments and implementation of the Long Term Plan to Build and Enhance Tribal Justice Systems ("Tribal Justice Plan") that the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the Department of the Interior ("DOI") released in August.

***Day 1: Violence Against Women Consultation***

The purpose of the violence against women consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following three topics:

- Enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking;
- Strengthening the federal response to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and
- Administering funds appropriated for tribal governments and programs created to benefit tribal governments.

We will distribute additional information about the specific agenda items in advance of the consultation.

***Day 2: Department of Justice Grant Funding and the Tribal Justice Plan***

On the second day, DOJ officials would like to hear feedback from tribal leaders about their resource needs and grant funding priorities, their experiences with the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process that was utilized for DOJ's tribal government specific grants in Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011, and their recommendations for how the process can be improved for Fiscal Year 2012.

In addition, DOJ and DOI officials are seeking feedback on implementation of the recommendations and action steps outlined under the Tribal Justice Plan.

### *Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation*

The CTAS process is an effort to streamline the DOJ's tribal government specific grant-making process. CTAS combines DOJ's existing tribal government specific competitive grant solicitations into a single solicitation, thus requiring only one application from each tribe, tribal coalition or tribal consortium. Grant funds administered by several DOJ components are included in the coordinated solicitation, including:

- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

A copy of the solicitation used in Fiscal Year 2011 is available at [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal) for your information and review.

### *Long Term Plan to Build and Enhance Tribal Justice Systems (Tribal Justice Plan)*

In August of 2011, DOJ and DOI released the congressionally-mandated Tribal Justice Plan in response to sections 211, 241, and 244 of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). The Tribal Justice Plan addresses issues related to incarceration, alternatives to incarceration in Indian Country, and reentry of tribal members from federal, tribal, state and local correctional facilities.

The Tribal Justice Plan was developed in consultation with tribal leaders and tribal justice professionals and in partnership with a working group comprised of other federal partners, including the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the implementation of the recommendations and action steps in the Tribal Justice Plan which will be the focus of our discussion.

The Tribal Justice Plan may be accessed at DOJ's Tribal Law and Order Act implementation webpage at <http://www.justice.gov/tribal/tloa.html>.

### ***Logistics***

More information about the DOJ consultation will be forthcoming and logistical information is available at [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal). We will be hosting a scoping call with interested tribal leaders to discuss the agenda for the consultation on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 3pm ET. Please join us by calling (800)-201-2375 or (469) 759-7753 and entering passcode 109205.

We look forward to seeing you at the Santa Ana Pueblo in December. If you have questions about the violence against women consultation, please contact Lorraine Edmo at [Lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov](mailto:Lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov) or 202-307-6026. If you have questions or concerns about DOJ grant funding or the DOJ-DOI Tribal Justice Plan, please contact [Eugenia.Tyner-Dawson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Eugenia.Tyner-Dawson@usdoj.gov) or 202-307-5933.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Perrelli".

Thomas J. Perrelli