

# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FISCAL YEARS 2014-2018

The strategic goals and objectives described in the pages that follow reflect the priorities of the President, the Attorney General, and Department components. Wide-ranging and long-term, they respond to evolving conditions in the United States and the world today. DOJ components frequently and routinely operate in several areas of law enforcement and the administration of justice. In practice, nearly all contribute to all of the goals identified in the *Plan*. Their inclusion under a specific goal or objective here comports with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11: *Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget*, which calls for the alignment of goals with budget requests in strategic plans. As will be noted in the *Plan*, many goals and objectives are undertaken in collaboration with, or in support of, other federal, state, and local agencies. Several major themes underpin the Department's goals and objectives. These include:

**Partnerships.** Recognizing that cooperation, as well as economies of scale, can be realized during efforts to meet the mission, this *Plan* reflects a heightened emphasis on partnerships. The Department remains committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other federal agencies, states and localities, tribal governments, community groups, foreign countries, and others.

**Leadership.** As an agency with unique authorities, opportunities, and capabilities, DOJ has indispensable leadership responsibilities to those who fight terrorism

and crime and administer justice at the state, local, and tribal level, as well as in the international sphere. We are committed to meeting these responsibilities through example and material assistance.

**Preparedness.** DOJ remains committed to maintaining a high-level capability to deter and respond quickly to newly emerging terrorist and criminal threats, including those threats posed by new technology and strategies. Preparedness involves attention to internal core infrastructure needs to ensure that adequate skills, tools, and processes are in place for meeting the new challenges that face the Department.

**Integrity.** DOJ's leadership role and the funds entrusted to it by the taxpaying public demand that it maintains the highest levels of integrity and trustworthiness. This affects not only the way the Department carries itself as a representative of the law, but the manner in which it manages the resources entrusted to it to carry out its mission.

A summary of the Department’s strategic goals and objectives follows:

***Goal 1: Prevent Terrorism and Promote the Nation’s Security Consistent with the Rule of Law***

- 1.1 Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur by integrating intelligence and law enforcement efforts to achieve a coordinated response to terrorist threats
- 1.2 Prosecute those involved in terrorist acts
- 1.3 Investigate and prosecute espionage activity against the United States, strengthen partnerships with potential targets of intelligence intrusions, and proactively prevent insider threats
- 1.4 Combat cyber-based threats and attacks through the use of all available tools, strong public-private partnerships, and the investigation and prosecution of cyber threat actors

***Goal 2: Prevent Crime, Protect the Rights of the American People, and Enforce Federal Law***

- 2.1 Combat the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime by leveraging strategic partnerships to investigate, arrest, and prosecute violent offenders and illegal firearms traffickers
- 2.2 Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America’s crime victims

- 2.3 Disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations to combat the threat, trafficking, and use of illegal drugs and the diversion of licit drugs
- 2.4 Investigate and prosecute corruption, economic crimes, and transnational organized crime
- 2.5 Promote and protect American civil rights by preventing and prosecuting discriminatory practices
- 2.6 Protect the federal fisc and defend the interests of the United States

***Goal 3: Ensure and Support the Fair, Impartial, Efficient, and Transparent Administration of Justice at the Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and International Levels***

- 3.1 Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs
- 3.2 Protect judges, witnesses, and other participants in federal proceedings by anticipating, deterring, and investigating threats of violence
- 3.3 Provide safe, secure, humane, and cost-effective confinement and transportation of federal detainees and inmates
- 3.4 Reform and strengthen America’s criminal justice system by targeting the most serious offenses for federal prosecution, expanding the use of

- diversion programs, and aiding inmates in reentering society
- 3.5 Apprehend fugitives to ensure their appearance for federal judicial proceedings or confinement
- 3.6 Prevent and respond to genocide and mass atrocities and ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are held accountable in the United States, and if appropriate, their home countries
- 3.7 Adjudicate all immigration cases promptly and impartially in accordance with due process
- 3.8 Strengthen the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the United States, improve public safety in Indian Country, and honor treaty and trust responsibilities through consistent, coordinated policies, activities, and litigation