U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

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Dear Tribal Leader,

I am honored to invite your participation in a government-to-government consultation to be held October 2-3, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The first day will be a consultation devoted to the subject of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. The second day will focus on the Department of Justice's grant funding for tribal governments.

Day 1: Violence Against Women Consultation

As required by the Violence Against Women Act, 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.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be joined by our colleagues from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Interior for this portion of the consultation.

Day 2: DOJ Grant Funding

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 in Fiscal Year 2010, 2011, and 2012, and their recommendations for how the process can be improved for Fiscal Year 2013.

About the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

The CTAS process was launched in response to requests from tribal leadership to streamline DOJ's tribal 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 2012 is available at http://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants.html for your information and review.

Logistical information about the tribal consultation is available at www.justice.gov/tribal. We look forward to seeing you at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa. If you have questions about the violence against women consultation, please contact Lorraine Edmo at Lorraine.Edmo@usdoj.gov or 202-307-6026. If you have questions about the DOJ grant funding consultation, please contact Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, Eugenia.tyner-dawson@usdoj.gov or 202-353-3442.

Sincerely,

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