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Dear Tribal Leaders:

We are honored to invite you to participate in the next Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness (TJS&W) session scheduled for December 2–3, 2009, at the William A. Egan Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska. This national session will be held in conjunction with the 19th Annual Providers Conference sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and will continue to emphasize justice, safety, and wellness issues.

We look forward to reporting our progress on past sessions and providing you with the latest information about our respective activities. We encourage you to send key policy decision-makers, tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, health care providers, and tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers.

Since December 2006, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has invited federal partners to join in a collaboration, and today, TJS&W representatives also include the DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services, Native American Issues Subcommittee in the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Office of Tribal Justice, and Office on Violence Against Women; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Indian Health Service, Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary; DOI, BIA; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs; the Small Business Administration; and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Together, we have worked steadily to respond to your stated needs.

Program topics include numerous sessions that guide the federal grants/contracts application and management and reporting requirements, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; health care; housing and community development; tribal data systems; tribal courts; detention facilities; tribal youth programs; victims assistance; suicide prevention; alcohol and substance abuse; community-based partnerships; and reporting and information sharing.

Current OJP grantees are eligible to use funds to attend and participate in these sessions. Please visit the TJS&W Web site at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov to register for the upcoming session and find agenda updates and hotel information.

If you have any questions regarding the session, please call the conference toll-free information line at 1–866–581–2292 or 703–556–4831 (TDY/TDD), or send an e-mail to tribalconference@circlesolutions.com.

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We look forward to our continued work with you to build and enhance tribal justice, safety, public health, safe housing, and economic development in tribal communities.

Sincerely,

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