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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN DISTRESSED NEIGHBORHOODS

PHILADELPHIA – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in partnership with the Office of the United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania are hosting a regional meeting of 2012 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) grant recipients and will be announcing this year’s 2013 BCJI grant recipients. BJA Director Denise E. O’Donnell, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert K. Reed, and Deputy Commissioner for the Philadelphia Police Department, Kevin J. Bethel will be available for comment following the announcement **TOMORROW, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. EST.** The BCJI program provides competitive grants to persistently distressed communities, working with them to develop community-oriented strategies to address drivers of crime through research and innovation, and coordinated federal support.

WHO: Denise E. O’Donnell, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice

Robert K. Reed, Executive Assistant United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice

Kevin J. Bethel, Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department

WHAT: Media Availability with RSVP

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. EST

WHERE: Drexel University Campus
Bossone Research Enterprise Center
(Between 31st & 32nd Streets)
Philadelphia, PA

NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver’s license) as well as valid media credentials. Press who wish to request interviews should RSVP to Sheila.Jerusalem@usdoj.gov by TODAY, Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 9:00 p.m. EST.

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