



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

The Associate Attorney General

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Dear Tribal Leader,

As the Attorney General made clear at the 12th National Indian Nations Conference in Palm Springs in December, the Department of Justice is committed to providing needed resources to American Indians and Alaska Native communities and renewing our nation's enduring promise of building and sustaining healthy and safe native communities.

It is with these goals in mind that the Department of Justice is proud to announce the second year of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). In Fiscal Year 2010, the Department awarded nearly \$127 million in CTAS grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent youth substance abuse, address violence against women, serve crime victims, and support other efforts to combat crime. In previous years, tribes seeking funding for more than one of these purposes would need to submit multiple grant applications. With CTAS, tribes were able to submit a single application while selecting multiple purpose areas, ranging from juvenile justice to violence against women.

The Department worked closely with tribal representatives to improve the CTAS application process in Fiscal Year 2011. We held a consultation in early October 2010 and we engaged a technical assistance provider to contact CTAS applicants and conduct a survey of how the CTAS process worked in Fiscal Year 2010. This feedback was critical in developing the Fiscal Year 2011 solicitation. As recommended by tribal representatives, there will be a 90-day application period, longer than in Fiscal Year 2010.

More information about the Fiscal Year 2011 solicitation and a link to the application will be posted today on the Tribal Justice and Safety Website (<http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov>). We encourage you to continue your community justice strategic planning process to identify your criminal justice needs and to take advantage of the training and technical assistance opportunities offered by the Department.

Thank you for working with us to combat crime, improve public safety, and ensure that the progress we achieve is sustained.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Perrelli