



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Office of the Director
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Colleague:

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the **COPS Tribal Methamphetamine Initiative (Tribal Meth) 2010** grant program. Approximately \$4 million is available in FY 2010 to provide funding to tribal law enforcement agencies to support their participation in the development of comprehensive strategies to combat methamphetamine production, use, and trafficking in tribal communities. This program will fund tribes for up to \$200,000 to develop or support enhanced tribal-level coordination, and establish and implement tribe-specific action plans to address the health and safety issues of methamphetamine in Indian Country.

This solicitation is only open to federally recognized Indian tribes as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. This includes Alaska Native villages and tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. Applicants must have an established law enforcement agency and/or an existing contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for law enforcement services. Applicants must also agree to work with a technical assistance provider selected by the COPS Office and to participate in an evaluation process. There is no local cash match requirement under this grant program.

The online application system for FY 2010 applicants will be available in early June through the COPS Office website: www.cops.usdoj.gov. This solicitation will open on or around June 8, 2010, and the application deadline will be **July 6, 2010**. Please note that applications for this program will only be accepted through the COPS website.

Preparing Your Application

The COPS Office wants to ensure that your agency has sufficient time to complete your Tribal Methamphetamine Initiative application once the program opens in early June. We strongly recommend that your agency begin preparations for submitting your application at this time. To minimize delays in submitting your application, please take some time before early June to address the following items:

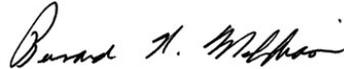
- Visit the "Account Access" portion of the COPS web site at www.cops.usdoj.gov to determine if your agency currently has an active online account and/or how to create one. If you do not remember your password, you can use this site to have a password reminder sent to you.
- If your agency was never assigned a password or you need assistance with creating an account and/or system access, or you would like to verify your agency's correct ORI number, call 1.800.421.6770 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, or e-mail askcopsrc@usdoj.gov.
- Once logged into "Account Access," your agency will be able to add additional user accounts and also update your agency contact and address information. Please take this time to ensure that your agency's Law Enforcement Executive, Government Executive, and point of contact information are current with our office.
- A Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is required to submit applications for COPS funding. A DUNS number is a unique nine or thirteen-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. Visit www.dnb.com/us to obtain or verify your number.
- Additionally, all applicants are required to maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Please note that applicants must update or renew their

CCR at least once per year to maintain an active status. To register or to verify that your CCR registration has not or will not expire on or before September 30, 2010, please visit www.ccr.gov.

- You will be required to provide the unique Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) identification number assigned to your agency. The GNIS database is maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior. To look up your GNIS Feature ID, please visit their website at: <http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html>.

The COPS Office looks forward to working with your agency. If you would like more information or require technical assistance during the solicitation process, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1.800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bernard K. Melekian".

Bernard K. Melekian
Director