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SUBJECT: Availability of On-Line Data Collection Tool Mock-up for Practice and Training

A mock-up of the complete on-line data collection tool has now been activated by the Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness (OSLDPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP). As you know, the on-line data collection tool is being made available for States who choose to use this method to submit needs assessment data and strategic plans. The mock-up of this tool will allow State and local users to familiarize themselves with the system and practice entering data in a realistic training environment. However, the mock-up will not allow the user to save any data.

The mock-up may be accessed from the OSLDPS home page located at the following URL: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/osldps. Icons for the mock-up are located under "What's New" on the home page, as well as on the Assessments and Grant pages. After you locate the icon, simply click on "Practice Module" and follow the instructions provided.

As a reminder, the user registration module of the on-line data collection tool is also now available for State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) and other state and local users who will participate in the actual data entry process. OJP will implement the second phase of the data collection process on August 1, 2000. At that time, software will be made available on-line for local jurisdiction data input. SAAs will be able to input data beginning August 15, 2000, when the third phase of the on-line process is implemented.

For technical assistance with the on-line data collection tool, you may contact the OJP toll-free help line at: 1-888-549-9901. You may also contact your OSLDPS program manager for additional information and assistance related to conduct of the needs assessment and development of your state strategy.

I look forward to working with you and your colleagues during the implementation of this program to enhance state and local emergency response capabilities.