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TO: All State Agency Heads
All State Agency Points of Contact

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SUBJECT: Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support

I want to take this opportunity to formally welcome your agency's participation in the U. S. Department of Justice's effort to enhance the nation's emergency response communities capabilities to respond to mass casualty terrorist incidents. The staff of the Office of State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support (OSLDPS) look forward to working with you and your staff in the implementation of this important new initiative. This Bulletin is the first in a series of informational updates our office will distribute to the designated state agencies in an effort to keep you informed of information on OSLDPS's and other related Federal programs and our efforts to assist your office as you develop and implement your statewide strategic plans.

Through OSLDPS, the Office of Justice Program has established a new program office whose primary goal is building capabilities at the state and local levels through a coordinated program of equipment support; training, from the awareness level to the incident command level; exercise planning and support; and specialized technical assistance. OSLDPS is looking to the designated state agencies to provide the critical state-based plans which will help our office more effectively allocate program funding to the jurisdictions with the greatest need. OSLDPS is committed to working with you and your staff to coordinate the implementation of an integrated national program working in partnership with state and local agencies within your state.

Attached for your review is a summary briefing of OSLDPS's key programs. Please feel free to contact our office at 202/305-9887 to discuss OSLDPS' programs and the pivotal role your state will play in the targeting of these resources across the nation. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you at the upcoming OSLDPS-sponsored regional conferences on state planning requirements.

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