

### Environmental Factors Affecting Goal Achievement

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS	Goal I Firearms	Goal II Explosives and Arson	Goal III Alcohol and Tobacco
<b>Technology</b>			
Advances in high-speed telecommunications, computers and other technologies are creating new opportunities for criminals, new classes of crimes, and new challenges for law enforcement.	X		X
Changing technology requires continual updating of employee skills.	X	X	X
Stakeholder expectations will demand better service and faster response times.	X	X	X
<b>Economy</b>			
The interconnected nature of the world's economy provides increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white collar crime, and smuggling and diversion.	X		X
A strong U.S. labor market may make it difficult to attract and retain workers with the requisite skills.	X	X	X
Economic conditions may affect crime rates.	X	X	X
<b>Government</b>			
Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of State and local governments could have dramatic effects on the capacity of State and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.	X	X	X
Differential tax rates can increase the profitability of illegal diversion of tobacco and alcohol products.			X
<b>Globalization</b>			
Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environmental and trade agreements and other foreign policy concerns.	X	X	X

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<p><b>Globalization</b> (<i>cont'd.</i>)</p> <p>The new democratic states of eastern Europe are susceptible to drug and arms trafficking, organized criminal groups, and other illegal activities that impact the United States.</p>	X		X
<p><b>Social-Demographic Factors</b></p> <p>The level of criminal activity is influenced by societal attitudes toward the use of illegal drugs and alcohol.</p>	X	X	X
<p>The numbers of adolescents and young adults, the most crime-prone segment of the population, are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.</p>	X	X	X
<p>The United States is an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-racial society. Isolated instances of intolerance and violent resistance to this societal change affects the scope and nature of our work.</p>	X	X	X
<p>Demographic and cultural changes make ensuring a diverse and representative workforce a more challenging and essential task.</p>	X	X	X
<p>The increase in the number of convicted felons released from prison increases the potential criminal populace.</p>	X	X	X
<p><b>The Unpredictable</b></p> <p>Changes in Federal law may affect our responsibilities and workload.</p>	X	X	X
<p>With increases in the number, kinds, and complexity of tasks we are required to perform, demand can challenge our capacity to respond.</p>	X	X	X