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The strategic goals and objectives of the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2001-2006 are based on the Department's mission, a mission that is embedded in public law. Our goals and objectives are broad and long-term. Most involve the activities of more than one component organization of the Department. Many are undertaken in collaboration with, or the support of, other federal, state and local agencies.

Our goals and objectives reflect several major themes. These include:

Partnership. We are committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other federal agencies, states and localities, tribal governments, community groups, foreign countries, and others. Since critical crime and justice issues transcend traditional jurisdictional and functional boundaries, effective partnerships are a key ingredient to achieving results. In addition, recent advances in communications and transportation, the growth of the global economy, and the breakup of formerly totalitarian states have underscored the transnational dimensions of the Department's work.

Leadership. We are committed to fulfilling our leadership responsibilities in forging a coordinated national and international response to crime and justice and assisting states, localities and tribal governments. We are also committed to targeting federal investigative and prosecutorial resources on those areas where they can have most strategic effect, for example, attacking multijurisdictional criminal enterprises, or where the Federal Government has lead responsibility, for example, preventing and investigating terrorist threats.

Preparedness. We are committed to maintaining a high-level capability to deter and respond quickly to newly emerging crime threats, including those threats posed by the new technology. Preparedness involves attention to core infrastructure needs to ensure that adequate skills, tools, and processes are in place for meeting the new challenges of the 21st century.

Institutional Integrity. We are committed to preserving and enhancing the integrity and trustworthiness of not only the Department, but the Nation's justice system as a whole.

To provide the reader a quick overview, our strategic goals and objectives are listed below.

GOAL 1: PROTECT AMERICA AGAINST THE THREAT OF TERRORISM

Objective 1.1 PREVENTION

Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur.

Objective 1.2 INVESTIGATION

Develop and implement the full range of resources available to investigate terrorist incidents, bringing their perpetrators to justice.

Objective 1.3 PROSECUTION

Vigorously prosecute those who have committed, or intend to commit, terrorist acts against the United States.

GOAL 2: ENFORCE FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAWS

Objective 2.1 VIOLENT CRIME

Reduce the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime, especially as it stems from illegal use of guns or from organized criminal enterprises.

Objective 2.2 DRUGS

Reduce the threat, trafficking, and related violence of illegal drugs by identifying, disrupting, and dismantling drug trafficking organizations.

Objective 2.3 ESPIONAGE

Combat espionage against the United States by strengthening counterintelligence capabilities.

Objective 2.4 WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Combat white collar and economic crime, especially cybercrime.

Objective 2.5 CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND THE EXPLOITABLE

Combat crimes against children and other vulnerable victims of violence and exploitation.

GOAL 3: PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE BY ASSISTING STATE, TRIBAL, LOCAL, AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Objective 3.1 LAW ENFORCEMENT

Improve the crime fighting and criminal justice administration capabilities of state, tribal, and local governments.

Objective 3.2 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Reduce youth crime and victimization through assistance that emphasizes both enforcement and prevention.

Objective 3.3 DRUG ABUSE

Break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for and use and trafficking of illegal drugs.

Objective 3.4 VICTIMS OF CRIME

Uphold the rights of and improve services to America's crime victims.

Objective 3.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Support innovative cooperative and community-based programs aimed at reducing crime and violence and promote resolution of racial tension.

GOAL 4: PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY LEGAL REPRESENTATION, ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS, AND DEFENSE OF U.S. INTERESTS

Objective 4.1 CIVIL RIGHTS

Uphold the civil rights of all Americans, reduce racial discrimination, and promote reconciliation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws.

Objective 4.2 ENVIRONMENT

Promote the stewardship of America's environment and natural resources through the enforcement and defense of environmental laws and programs.

Objective 4.3 ANTITRUST

Promote economic competition through enforcement of and guidance on antitrust laws and principles.

Objective 4.4 TAX LAWS

Promote the fair, correct, and uniform enforcement of the federal tax laws and the collection of tax debts to protect the federal fisc from unjustified claims.

Objective 4.5 CIVIL LAWS

Effectively represent the interests of the United States in all civil matters for which the Department of Justice has jurisdiction.

GOAL 5: FAIRLY AND EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

Objective 5.1 ENFORCEMENT

Secure America's borders, especially to reduce the incidence of alien smuggling.

Objective 5.2 CRIMINAL ALIENS

Promote public safety by combating immigration-related crimes and removing individuals, especially criminals, who are unlawfully present in the United States.

Objective 5.3 SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

Provide timely and consistent services and achieve a substantial reduction in the benefits processing backlog.

Objective 5.4 ORGANIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve operational efficiency and organizational effectiveness of the INS workforce.

Objective 5.5 QUALITY OF DATA

Provide accurate, easy-to-use, readily accessible, and up-to-date information to meet planning and operational needs.

Objective 5.6 BORDER FACILITATION

Improve the efficiency of the inspections process for lawful entry of persons and goods.

Objective 5.7 ADJUDICATION

Adjudicate all immigration cases promptly and impartially in accordance with due process.

GOAL 6: PROTECT AMERICAN SOCIETY BY PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE, SECURE, AND HUMANE CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

Objective 6.1 DETENTION

Provide for the safe, secure, and humane confinement of detained persons awaiting trial, sentencing, or immigration proceedings.

Objective 6.2 PRISON CAPACITY

Ensure that sufficient and cost effective prison capacity exists so that violent and other serious criminal offenders are imprisoned to the fullest extent of the law.

Objective 6.3 PRISON OPERATIONS

Maintain and operate the Federal Prison System in a safe, secure, humane, and efficient manner.

Objective 6.4 INMATE SERVICES

Provide services and programs to facilitate inmates' successful reintegration into society, consistent with community expectations and standards.

GOAL 7: PROTECT THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT TO THE FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO ENSURE IT OPERATES EFFECTIVELY

Objective 7.1 PROTECTING THE JUDICIARY

Ensure the integrity and the safe and secure operation of the federal judicial system by protecting judges, witnesses, and other participants in federal proceedings.

Objective 7.2 VICTIMS RIGHTS

Protect the rights of crime victims and assist them in moving through the processes of the federal justice system.

Objective 7.3 DEFENDANTS AND FUGITIVES

Ensure the appearance of criminal defendants for judicial proceedings or confinement through secure transportation, and ensure the apprehension of fugitives from justice.

Objective 7.4 BANKRUPTCY

Protect the integrity and ensure the effective operation of the Nation's bankruptcy system.

**GOAL 8: ENSURE PROFESSIONALISM, EXCELLENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY,
AND INTEGRITY IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**

Objective 8.1 INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM

Promote integrity and professionalism to ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice.

Objective 8.2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Strengthen internal financial systems and promote the efficient and effective use of resources to ensure public trust and confidence.

Objective 8.3 GRANT MANAGEMENT

Develop and maintain grant management accountability mechanisms to ensure proper disbursement and monitoring of funds.

Objective 8.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Improve the integrity and security of computer systems and make more effective use of information technology.

Objective 8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES

Strengthen human resource recruitment, retention, and performance to ensure a work force that is skilled, diverse, and committed to excellence.