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**I. Statement of the Problem**

The [REDACTED] is one of [REDACTED] reservations located in the state of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is known as a “progressive” [REDACTED] even though it adheres to a traditional religious and cultural calendar. However, its secular government, established by the [REDACTED] constitution, is known to incorporate many projects in order to protect the overall welfare of the people. As a result, the [REDACTED] employs an extensive [REDACTED] department and fully operational court system that helps provide justice to injured parties in the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The total land base for the [REDACTED] is approximately [REDACTED] acres making it the largest of all [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. Currently there are [REDACTED] tribally enrolled members with over [REDACTED] members residing on the reservation. The total reservation population including non-Indians is around [REDACTED].

Like most tribal governments, [REDACTED] does not monitor, or for that matter, know the exact number of sex-offenders residing within [REDACTED] jurisdiction. Most convictions come from federal prosecutions. However, some sex offenders are convicted in state court as well as other tribal courts. Currently, there is no system to adequately identify which offenders are convicted in other tribal courts and federal sex offenders may possibly be non-compliant with the state registry and “hiding” on the

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[REDACTED] reservation. The uncertain number of sex offenders living within the community poses a safety risk to the community at large.

Also, [REDACTED] recognizes the fact that the [REDACTED] are diverse in not only population, but also the number of businesses within each community that bring a significant amount of contact with travelers and non-local residents to [REDACTED] community members. Also, the religious and cultural calendars provide a challenge in monitoring sex offenders and keeping them from potential contact with their former victims and their families because sex offenders may still participate in traditional religious ceremonies. So, the challenge of addressing this problem will be unique as to not create any undue burden on [REDACTED] traditional way of life while trying to design a comprehensive program to administer the SORNA regulations through an effective implementation plan.

Furthermore, the [REDACTED] passed a statute in [REDACTED] titled, “[REDACTED] Sex Offender Registration.” However, the law is not enforced by any [REDACTED] law enforcement agency or social service department. Even though it requires all sex offenders to register, [REDACTED] provides no office or officer to register and acquire the data needed to properly monitor these offenders. Also, there are not any composed regulations or protocols regarding sex offenders in [REDACTED].

In order to adhere to the tradition of protecting the people, the Council prioritized the issue of sex offender registration and notification as an immediate need. So, Council adopted a resolution in 2007 in accordance with Section 127 of the Adam Walsh Act (“AWA” or “Act”), to create an office to monitor and register sex offenders living within [REDACTED]. As a result, Council directed the [REDACTED] to

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create an office to implement a plan that will address the need to find out who is a sex offender, locate the sex offenders, and monitor the sex offenders residing in [REDACTED] in accordance with the Act and its SORNA provisions.

The goals and objectives are designed to implement a strategy that will ensure that [REDACTED] can protect children and other adults from the sex offender's reentry into [REDACTED] communities, prevent the community members from any sexual encounters or exploitation, and to honor the victim's who are suffering through this kind of difficult situation. The goals, if accomplished, will make certain that [REDACTED] is compliant with the SORNA provisions, that victims will be contacted in a timely manner as well as the community, and create a regulatory scheme that will enhance the existing laws and resources for [REDACTED] to enforce the SORNA provisions. It's important to meet these goals in order to fully utilize any software that may become available for [REDACTED] to employ for the purposes of monitoring sex offenders with the specified required information for the duration of the monitoring and verification to enter the offender into the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Registry. Additionally, [REDACTED] recognizes the fact that most offenders are convicted at the federal level, where no registry exists, and in light of that fact, [REDACTED] needs to strengthen its ties to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in addition to the United States Department of Justice and the United States Probation Office. With that in mind, [REDACTED] will create partnerships with the offices that will have the greatest impact regarding information as to the offender, the victim, and the sentencing requirements involving probation and the requirements for compliance of that obligation.

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**II. Program Design and Implementation Plan: Goals,  
Objectives, and Implementation Strategy**

**Goal 1 – Develop and train a specialized unit of law enforcement with the primary duty of registering and monitoring sex offenders living within [REDACTED]**

**Objective 1.A – Create a new staff position, [REDACTED] that will register and monitor sex offenders;**

**Implementation Strategy -**

[REDACTED] will provide a detailed job description of the new staff position and will hire the [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED] by the first quarter of the grant year. Next, the [REDACTED] will work with the [REDACTED] Tribal Prosecutor, the Captain of the [REDACTED] Police Department, the [REDACTED] Victim [REDACTED] Advocate [REDACTED], and the designated Probation Officer to form an initial working committee and implement the rest of the implementation plan. The [REDACTED] will be a fully trained and commissioned [REDACTED] officer that will also enforce the general laws of [REDACTED]. Later in the third quarter of the grant year, the [REDACTED] will take steps to become cross-deputized as a state officer and federally cross-commissioned officer by the end of the grant year.

**Objective 1.B - Provide technical support and training to tribal [REDACTED] officers, probation officers, and traditional officers charged with enforcing the sex offender to become compliant with the tribal, state, and federal SORNA provisions;**

**Implementation Strategy -**

The [REDACTED] will seek local, regional, and national training to attend. Also, the [REDACTED] will notify the initial working committee of trainings that they should attend. As a result of this training, the [REDACTED] will provide technical support to the probation office and the Prosecutor when they are working with sex offenders or related issues.

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Furthermore, the [REDACTED] will conduct a series of trainings for tribal [REDACTED] officers so that all [REDACTED] officers will know and understand what kind of dangers sex offenders may pose, how a sex offender may re-offend, and what is required of a registered sex offender in accordance to the SORNA provisions. The [REDACTED] will ensure that all hired commissioned [REDACTED] officers will be trained on the dangers of sex offenders by the end of the grant year. Additionally, the Director [REDACTED] will impose mandatory training on all new officer hires for similar training.

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[REDACTED] Also, the [REDACTED] will provide additional training to [REDACTED] officials on safety and notification strategies by the end of the grant year. The [REDACTED] will also hold tribal employee trainings, community awareness sessions in each village by the end of the third quarter of the grant year. The [REDACTED] will need the support of the community at-large in order to create a web of safety from any sex offender that may pose a threat. In support of this endeavor, the Prosecutor will enlist the [REDACTED] to help create the curriculum for the community outreach trainings by the end of the second quarter of the grant year.

The [REDACTED] and the Prosecutor will be responsible for the implementation of the SORNA provisions and will need to be fully trained on the provisions. So, the [REDACTED] and the Prosecutor will attend national training sessions within the grant year to ensure that [REDACTED] will be compliant with Section 2 of the Act and have a fully operational office by October 1, 2010. [REDACTED] is aware that the deadline is July 27, 2009, for a

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fully operational registry however, in order to become fully compliant [REDACTED] will seek an extension in order to fulfill the terms of the grant.

**Goal 2 – Establish multi-jurisdictional partnerships in order to communicate effectively with other local jurisdictions and their officers charged with enforcing the SORNA provisions**

**Objective 2.A – Create partnerships with local law enforcement to protect the [REDACTED] from sex offenders who have absconded from complying with both jurisdictions' registry program;**

**Implementation Strategy -**

The [REDACTED] will be responsible for locating points of contact in local tribal and county jurisdictions regarding sex offender compliance in those jurisdictions. Once those parties are identified, the [REDACTED] will then initiate meetings to discuss possible partnerships of monitoring sex offenders that may travel or stay in neighboring counties or surrounding tribal reservations. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this task by the end of the second quarter of the grant year.

Also, the [REDACTED] will help provide support to United States Federal Marshalls or county sheriffs seeking sex offenders who have absconded from their jurisdictions and may be “hiding” within [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will provide the necessary [REDACTED] officers to help facilitate the tracking and/or arrest of the sex offender, depending upon the level of danger the offender poses to the community.

**Objective 2.B – Improve and enhance technological information sharing as it relates to sex offender registration and notification compliance and accountability among local jurisdictions;**

**Implementation Strategy -**

The [REDACTED] will be responsible for improving and enhancing technological information sharing to other jurisdictions by utilizing a local website of all registered sex

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offenders living on [REDACTED] reservation. The [REDACTED] will also provide the necessary access to other compliance officers from other jurisdiction for more detailed information of a sex offender who absconded from [REDACTED]. In addition to providing information to local jurisdictions, the website will also provide information to the general public and to the local businesses regarding sex offenders. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this objective by the end of the third quarter of the grant year.

The [REDACTED] will also meet with the [REDACTED] Department of Public Safety to create a partnership that will allow for tribal court convicted sex offenders to be included on the state website and any other technological information system. As of now, the [REDACTED] Center uses a LiveScan finger printing system that is connected to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] seeks to upgrade the Live Scan system in order to more compliant with the regulations outlined by the Adam Walsh Act and also to interface with the state of [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will also meet with the [REDACTED] Department of Public Safety in order to remedy this problem, so information sharing can occur utilizing that equipment as well. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this task by the end of the third quarter of the grant year.

Currently, the [REDACTED] Police Department enjoys complete access [REDACTED] system. The [REDACTED] will research methods to use this system with its full potential to help monitor sex offenders who are currently facing a warrant in other jurisdictions and may be living on [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this task by the end of the third quarter of the grant year.

**Objective 2.C – Attend the local bi-monthly Federal Sex Offender Task Force meetings.**

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**Implementation Strategy –**

The [REDACTED], the Prosecutor, and the designated probation officer will attend the bi-monthly federal sex offender task force meetings to help coordinate the communications between the local jurisdictions. The task force meetings are also attended by other tribal representatives and it will provide an opportunity for the [REDACTED] to identify points of contact for those tribes that have sex offender SORNA enforcement officials. Also, the meetings provide updates for both federal and state implications regarding the Act and how the Act is impacting their overall efforts to monitor sex offenders. As a result, these meetings will provide information necessary to remain consistent with the local jurisdictions surrounding [REDACTED] and in constant contact with the parties responsible for monitoring sex offenders in the state.

**Goal 3 – Develop a comprehensive sex offender registration scheme that will collect, store, analyze, and use offender biometric data (finger and palm prints and DNA) for enforcement purposes.**

**Objective 3.A – Develop and enhance strategies to ensure compliance with tribal and state SORNA requirements for non-compliant sex offenders;**

**Implementation Strategy –**

Currently, [REDACTED] is without a system to collect this information. However, [REDACTED] can rely on the State of [REDACTED] for the majority of the information collected to help monitor the sex offenders. Yet, there are other relevant bits of information unique to [REDACTED] that will help provide adequate and comprehensive information monitoring the sex offender who is also [REDACTED] tribal member.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So, the [REDACTED] will



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develop strategies to use relevant pieces of information unique to the traditional way of life in [REDACTED], if the information is deemed necessary. The [REDACTED] will also employ the [REDACTED] to enhance strategies to comply with the SORNA provisions.

In reference, to the actual collection of biometric data, the [REDACTED] will research the methods that may be beneficial to the registration of sex offenders living on [REDACTED] reservation. Also, the [REDACTED] will also research the local jurisdictions and try to be as consistent as possible to the data that they are collecting for purposes of monitoring the sex offenders. The collection of this biometric data will have to be consistent with the constructs of traditions and customs of [REDACTED], while also being comprehensive enough to provide detailed information to monitor the sex offender in accordance with the SORNA provisions. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this objective by the end of the grant year.

**Goal 4 – Establish a Tribal Sex Offender Task Force to oversee the implementation of this plan and compliance with the Adam Walsh Act’s SORNA provisions.**

**Objective 4.A – The [REDACTED] will chair a steering committee that shall each select a group of qualified individuals such as [REDACTED] officers, [REDACTED] officers, and community members at-large to sit on the Task Force;**

**Implementation Strategy –**

The [REDACTED] will chair a steering committee comprised of one police officer, one probation officer, one prosecutor, the [REDACTED] victim [REDACTED] advocate, and one [REDACTED] officer. The task force that will meet to help create a plan that will address the following issues:

- Who will have to register as a sex offender?
- What will constitute a sex offense?

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- What kind of tier system will be used within [REDACTED] ?
- What kind of responsibilities will be imposed upon the registered sex offender?
- What kind of information will be required of the registered sex offender?
- How will [REDACTED] collect the information and who will have access to the data?
- How long of a time period should a sex offender register?
- What will be the steps for a registered sex offender to take if they request to reside in [REDACTED] ?
- How will the victim and their concerns and the general public's safety be taken under advisement in the reintegration of the sex-offender into [REDACTED] ?
- How often will a registered sex offender have to check-in with the compliance officer?
- How far back in time of an offense committed will [REDACTED] require sex offenders to register with the registry office.
- How will [REDACTED] deal with offenders from the state, federal, military, and other tribal jurisdictions when they request to move onto [REDACTED] ?
- How often will the compliance officer be required to update any existing information within the registry and database of sex offenders?
- How comprehensive of enforcement and implementation of punishable offenses for non-compliance should [REDACTED] consider in amending its current criminal statute?
- What civil regulatory scheme will need to be created for those offenders who are non-Indian that may be residing or working in [REDACTED] needs to be created in order to protect the overall safety of the community.
- How much information will be made available to the public via a website or other jurisdictions?

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- How will the public be notified and to what extent will information of the sex offender will be released to the community regarding the sex offender living [REDACTED]?
- To what extent will the provisions be required of juvenile offenders residing [REDACTED]?

Once the committee meets for the first time, they will set a timeline to address these issues and give a final report by the beginning of the final quarter of the grant year to the Office of the Prosecutor who will then submit the report to the [REDACTED] Council.

**Objective 4.B - The Task Force shall review and help enact any tribal codes or amendments to the existing statute that are necessary to the successful implementation of the grant and SORNA provisions;**

**Implementation Strategy –**

The Prosecutor will revise the existing statute or compose a new comprehensive code and create a regulatory scheme for Council to enact by the end of the grant year. Before the Prosecutor submits any statute for enactment, the Task Force will review any final legislation for the Council to consider. Also, once any new legislation is enacted by Council, the steering committee will finalize any regulations and protocols regarding the sex offender registration and monitoring. The Task Force and Prosecutor will provide legislation for the Council to consider at the end of the grant year, and will also provide any regulations or protocols at the end of the grant year as well. The Prosecutor may choose to contract the new code and regulations to a contract attorney. The contract attorney will work closely with the Task Force as it will provide specific details that should be included in any new code or regulation.

**Objective 4.C – The Task Force shall establish cross-deputization procedures to fully protect the tribal people.**

**Implementation Strategy –**

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The significance of this goal is that not all sex offenders may be members of neither [REDACTED] nor a federally recognized Indian tribe. Although [REDACTED], may become cross-deputized, it is important that other [REDACTED] officers have the opportunity to become cross-deputized as well. Currently, some United States Attorneys are promoting federal cross-deputizations in order for tribal [REDACTED] officers to make the necessary arrests and filings on non-Indian sex offenders who may be compromising the safety of [REDACTED]. The Task Force will research the cross-deputization process and help in assist in providing the certification and training needed for federal cross-deputization. This is essential given the nature of businesses currently on [REDACTED] reservation including the casinos, restaurants, [REDACTED]. The Task Force will provide access to the process in the final quarter of the grant year.

**Goal 5 – Create an effective notification system to victims and their family about the possible re-entry of a sex offender back onto the [REDACTED] reservation**

**Objective 5.A – Create a partnership with the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] to create a notification process once [REDACTED] is notified of a sex offender is released from custody;**

**Implementation Strategy –**

The notification process will be a team effort between the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will create partnerships with the local tribal probation offices, the federal probation office, and the state probation office to create a list of who and when the sex offenders are going to be released from custody. An adequate timeline will be created in order to give the victim and their family notice in anticipation of the release of the sex offender. This is essential, since many of the [REDACTED] homes are centralized within 5

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square miles of each ██████████. It is likely, that if a sex offender is given permission to reside back within ██████████, that sex offender will reside near the victim's extended family. The ██████████ will work with the ██████████ to make sure that notification is also given to the ██████████ community as a whole. There are bi-weekly ██████████ meetings that ██████████ officers officiate over and that will give them an opportunity to provide relevant information regarding a sex offender and their request and/or approval to reside within the community. The partnership will commence at the beginning of the second quarter of the grant year and the timeline provisions will be composed by the end of the first grant year.

**Objective 5.B – The ██████████ will implement the SORNA provisions regarding notification to victim and their family.**

**Implementation Strategy –**

The ██████████ will research and implement the SORNA provisions regarding notification to the victim and their family. The ██████████ must be aware of the traditional aspects of notification and also the SORNA provisions as well. The SOCO will have to make sure that the notification processes set out by ██████████ and the Act are consistent with one another. Also, the ██████████ will work with ██████████ to provide any additional protections for the victim such as restraining orders and other court ordered protections. The ██████████ will accomplish this objective by the end of third quarter of the first grant year.

**Goal 6 – Implement national sex offender software that may be provided by the SMART office to collect and organize data and other relevant information to register and monitor sex offenders**

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**Objective 6.A – Use national software that may become available through the SMART office to be consistent with other local jurisdictions and sex offender software registration.**

**Implementation Strategy –**

It is the understanding of [REDACTED] that software may be created through the SMART Office. Once this software becomes available, the [REDACTED] will inquire as to obtaining the software and begin to implement the software within [REDACTED] jurisdiction. The [REDACTED] will also train additional staff on the software as well. Additionally, the [REDACTED] will work closely with the local jurisdictions to utilize the software consistent with how those areas are using it to the benefit of their registration and monitoring of sex offenders. The [REDACTED] will accomplish this objective by the end of the grant year.

**III. Capabilities and Competencies**

**Management Structure –**

In [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] Council directed the Office of the Prosecutor to administrate all issues related to the Adam Walsh Act. As a result of this directive, the Tribal Prosecutor will act as the grant coordinator until the [REDACTED] is hired and both employees will be responsible for the implementation of the grant and serve as co-coordinators of the grant. Additionally, the [REDACTED] which oversees the [REDACTED] Police Department will provide additional support during the grant cycle if needed. Also, the [REDACTED] who oversees the [REDACTED] may be apart of the initial process in expediting the hiring process for the [REDACTED].

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**Project Staff –**

**[REDACTED] Tribal Prosecutor** – As the designated party to overseeing the implementation of the Act, the Prosecutor will serve as the grant coordinator and then as co-coordinator once the [REDACTED] is hired. The Prosecutor plans to strengthen the already created partnerships with other local tribes, counties, and the United States Department of Justice. The Prosecutor will continue to attend meetings with these jurisdictions to discuss the Act. Previously, the Prosecutor participated in three consultations sponsored by the Tribal Justice and Safety group composed of the Office of Justice Programs which provide forums to discuss the Act. Also, the Prosecutor continues to prosecute several sexual assault cases in [REDACTED] Court. Additionally, the Prosecutor continues to consult with [REDACTED] officials regarding re-entry requests of sex offenders who have been released from custody. The Prosecutor is a member of the [REDACTED] Bar since [REDACTED].

**Crime Victim [REDACTED] Advocate [REDACTED]** – Under the direct supervision of the Prosecutor, the [REDACTED] will be responsible for notifying victims of tribal, state, and federal court hearings. Additionally, the [REDACTED] will be responsible for assisting a victim with filing a restraining order or no contact order consistent with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Order of Conditions of Release, and other relevant codes within [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will have had at least two years experience working with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in tribal, state, or federal court when the grant implementation begins. The [REDACTED] will also receive training on the SORNA provisions and the procedure for notification. Also, the [REDACTED] will communicate with other [REDACTED] in the surrounding tribes and counties in order to provide a net of support for

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victims of crimes. Finally, the [REDACTED] will have an extensive knowledge on the geographical area of [REDACTED] as well a basic understanding of the traditions and customs of [REDACTED]. Currently, the [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED].

**Probation Officer** – The [REDACTED] Probation currently employs [REDACTED] probation officers working with both adult and juvenile offenders. All have earned a college degree and most probation officers within the division have additional certifications such as commissioned and certified [REDACTED] officer, certified paralegal, and certified alcohol and substance abuse counselor. As a result, any probation officer assigned to the initial working committee will use their educational background to make a significant contribution to the implementation of this grant. Additionally, the adult probation officers are experienced with monitoring sex offenders convicted in tribal court and placed on probation. The Probation Office continued to communicate extensively with state and federal probation officers regarding the release of sex offenders from custody. Also, all the probation officers created solid working relationships with the [REDACTED].

**Police Captain** – The Captain is a certified and commissioned officer who completed training at both the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Police Academy and the [REDACTED] Law Enforcement Academy. The Captain oversees several divisions within the department both administratively and procedurally for the patrol division, investigations, conservation, dispatch, animal control and detention which total [REDACTED]. The patrol division consists of two patrol sergeants and fifteen police officers; investigations consist of a criminal investigator and



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a domestic violence investigator; conservation consists of one sergeant and five range conservation officers; dispatch consists of one dispatch supervisor and five dispatchers; animal control consists of one animal control officer; detention consists of one detention supervisor, eight detention officers and 2 cooks. All law enforcement officers are required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to complete 40 hours of mandated training per year. They are also required by the [REDACTED] Law Enforcement Academy to complete 20 hours of mandated training every two years. The Captain maintains a working relationship with the tribal court, probation department, prosecutors office, crime victim advocate, social services, family services, behavioral health, the schools, as well as both [REDACTED] officials. The Police Captain also employs extensive knowledge in the tradition and customs of [REDACTED].

**Sex Offender Compliance Officer [REDACTED]** – (Expected Winter 2009) – the [REDACTED] will be a certified and commissioned officer that will be trained at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Academy or [REDACTED] Law Enforcement Academy. The [REDACTED] will have earned a degree (associates or bachelors) from college in a relevant field of study. Also, the [REDACTED] will have at least three years experience working with sex offenders at the tribal, state, or federal level. In addition to having a basic understanding of the traditions and customs of [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] will also know who holds the traditional religious leadership positions as well as [REDACTED] positions for each [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] will have an in-depth understanding of the SORNA provisions and will be able to provide technical support to the [REDACTED] Department. The [REDACTED] will have a basic knowledge of the procedural rules for tribal, state, and federal court. The [REDACTED] will be the point of

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contact for county and federal officials charged with capturing sex offenders who have absconded and may be “hiding” on [REDACTED] reservation.

**IV. Budget and Budget Narrative – SEE ATTACHMENT 2**

**V. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation**

**Performance Measures –**

The [REDACTED] will document its performance of implementing this grant by providing quarterly reports to Council, the Chief of Operations, and the SMART Office. The quarterly reports will provide information detailing the progress of the goals and objectives that are to be completed by the end of each quarter. Each goal will have an identifiable outcome at the end of a quarter that will be based on a strategy implemented by the designated project staff member.

The Prosecutor will monitor the overall quarterly outcomes of each goal or objective that will be accomplished within that specified time period. Also, the Prosecutor will help the [REDACTED] compose the quarterly reports in a timely manner. The Prosecutor will determine if the goals are being met by reviewing the data of sex offender registration, the minutes of the Task Force meetings, and reviewing the progress of any new codes or amendments to the statute and any accompanying regulations or protocols submitted by the contract attorney working with the Task Force. All of these measurable outcomes will be reported in the appropriate quarterly report and the final overall report.

**Sustainability –**

Once the goals and objectives are accomplished during the grant year, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will sustain the sex offender registry and notification office by assigning it to

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the [REDACTED] Department or the possibly the anticipated [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The new [REDACTED] will also include a [REDACTED] registry as well as a Parole Office and the [REDACTED] will help facilitate these new divisions. This will ensure that the [REDACTED] position will be a vital employee to the [REDACTED] Department and the Department of Justice and funds will be requested through the annual budget request process via one of these tribal departments. Therefore, the funds will be subsequently supported by tribal government funds. Also, the [REDACTED] in-kind contribution of office space and a police vehicle will also continue after the grant period ends. The [REDACTED] Council recognizes the need to have this sort of registry due to the uncertainty of just how many sex offenders are living on [REDACTED] reservation.

It is unfortunate that there are in fact sex offenders living on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Even as of today, at least two more sex offenders have made requests to reside back on [REDACTED] reservation and the Prosecutor, along with [REDACTED] officials, is gathering information to help make a decision on these requests. These difficult decisions need to be made and this grant's goals and objectives would help provide the necessary process to collect information to make an informed decision and help provide the support needed to keep the communities safe from any unnecessary risk. It would be irresponsible for [REDACTED] to not take the initiative to protect the safety of the victims and their family as well as the community. So, [REDACTED] submits this grant and its accompanying attachments to protect the overall welfare of [REDACTED].