

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF EXISTING, CURRENTLY-KNOWN DEMANDS, RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES, EVENTS, CONDITIONS, AND TRENDS AFFECTING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GOAL ACHIEVEMENT

Restructuring the Intelligence Community

Legislation has been introduced in the Congress that would change the Nation's intelligence structure in response to the recommendations presented by The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission). Depending on the outcome of Congressional negotiations, and the ultimate legislation signed into law by the President, the Department's organizational and financial structure may change. The FBI has already established the Office of Intelligence and is expanding its core of intelligence analysts. Other changes to the intelligence infrastructure may be implemented in the coming year.

Technology

- 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.

Economy

- Possible increases in consumer debt may affect bankruptcy filings.
- Deregulation, economic growth, and globalization are changing the volume and nature of anti-competitive behavior.
- The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white collar crime and alien smuggling.

Government

- 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.

Globalization

- Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environment and trade agreements and other foreign policy concerns.

Social-Demographic

- The numbers of adolescents and young adults, now the most crime-prone segment of the population, are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.

The Unpredictable

- The Global War on Terrorism requires continual adjustments to new conditions. The Department is determined to proactively confront new challenges in its effort to protect the Nation.
- Changes in federal laws may affect responsibilities and workload.
- Much of the litigation caseload is defensive. DOJ has little control over the number, size and complexity of the civil lawsuits they must defend.

The Department's leadership is committed to ensuring its programs and activities will continue to be targeted to meeting the dynamic demands of the changing legal, economic, and technological environments of the future.