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**NEARLY \$5.5 MILLION IN NEW JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FUNDING TO
ADVANCE VICTIM SERVICES WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

WASHINGTON – Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs will announce funding to develop and enhance support to crime victims at the opening session of the National Center for Victims of Crime’s 2012 National Conference. Hundreds of victim service providers, government leaders, policy leaders, members of law enforcement, criminologists, victim advocates and survivors are expected to attend.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Leary also will preview an upcoming national report: *Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services*, which will provide recommendations for a comprehensive and systematic approach for responding to crime victims. The report will be available later this fall.

WHO: Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs

WHAT: National Conference for Victims of Crime’s 2012 National Conference

WHERE: Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Napoleon Ballroom (3rd floor)
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA
OPEN PRESS

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 19, 2012**
8 a.m. CDT

NOTE: Acting Assistant Attorney General Leary will be available for interviews immediately following the opening session. All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as driver’s license) as well as valid media credentials. For information on press logistics, please contact Anne Nicholas at 202-467-8714 or anicholas@ncvc.org. For questions relating to the Office of Justice Programs, please contact Joan LaRocca (202-307-6873, joan.larocca2@usdoj.gov) or Starr Stepp (202-598-9457, Starr.Stepp@usdoj.gov).