

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FISCAL YEARS 2012-2016

The strategic goals and objectives described in the pages that follow reflect the priorities of the President, the Attorney General, and Department components. Wide-ranging and long-term, they respond to evolving conditions in the United States and the world today. DOJ components frequently and routinely operate in several areas of law enforcement and the administration of justice. In practice, nearly all contribute to all of the goals identified in the *Plan*. Their inclusion under a specific goal or objective here comports with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11: *Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget*, which calls for the alignment of goals with budget requests in strategic plans. As will be noted in the *Plan*, many goals and objectives are undertaken in collaboration with, or in support of, other federal, state, and local agencies. Several major themes underpin the Department's goals and objectives. These include:

Partnerships. Recognizing that cooperation, as well as economies of scale, can be realized during efforts to meet the mission, this *Plan* reflects a heightened emphasis on partnerships. The Department remains committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other federal agencies, states and localities, tribal governments, community groups, foreign countries, and others.

Leadership. As an agency with unique authorities, opportunities, and capabilities, DOJ has indispensable leadership responsibilities to those who fight terrorism

and crime and administer justice at the state, local, and tribal level, as well as in the international sphere. We are committed to meeting these responsibilities through example and material assistance.

Preparedness. DOJ remains committed to maintaining a high-level capability to deter and respond quickly to newly emerging terrorist and criminal threats, including those threats posed by new technology and strategies. Preparedness involves attention to internal core infrastructure needs to ensure that adequate skills, tools, and processes are in place for meeting the new challenges that face the Department.

Integrity. DOJ's leadership role and the funds entrusted to it by the taxpaying public demand that it maintains the highest levels of integrity and trustworthiness. This affects not only the way the Department carries itself as a representative of the law, but the manner in which it manages the resources entrusted to it to carry out its mission.

A summary of the Department's strategic goals and objectives follows:

Goal 1: Prevent Terrorism and Promote the Nation's Security Consistent with the Rule of Law

- 1.1 Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur
- 1.2 Prosecute those involved in terrorist acts

1.3 Combat espionage against the United States

Goal 2: Prevent Crime, Protect the Rights of the American People, and Enforce Federal Law

2.1 Combat the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime

2.2 Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations; uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America's crime victims

2.3 Combat the threat, trafficking, and use of illegal drugs and the diversion of licit drugs

2.4 Combat corruption, economic crimes, and international organized crime

2.5 Promote and protect Americans' civil rights

2.6 Protect the federal fisc and defend the interests of the United States

Goal 3: Ensure and Support the Fair, Impartial, Efficient, and Transparent Administration of Justice at the Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and International Levels

3.1 Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with state, local, tribal, and international law enforcement

3.2 Protect judges, witnesses, and other participants in federal proceedings; apprehend fugitives; and ensure the appearance of criminal defendants for judicial proceedings or confinement

3.3 Provide for the safe, secure, humane, and cost-effective confinement of detainees awaiting trial and/or sentencing, and those in the custody of the federal prison system

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