

Appendix 1

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

State Certification of Capital Punishment Authorization

Certification

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, this certifies to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in accordance with 60303(b)(2)(A)(B)(C) that the applicant State

- (A) authorizes capital punishment under its laws and conducts, or will conduct, prosecutions in which capital punishment is sought;
- (B) has provided a description of the communities to be served by the grant, including the nature of existing capital defender services and capital prosecution programs within such communities; and
- (C) has provided a long-term statewide strategy and detailed implementation plan that:
 - 1. reflects consultation with the judiciary, the organized bar, and State and local prosecutor and defender organizations; and
 - 2. establishes as a priority improvement in the quality of trial-level representation of indigents charged with capital crimes and trial-level prosecution of capital crimes.

Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273.

I further acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs (OJP) grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by OJP and/or by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I affirm that I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant agency (i.e., the agency applying directly to the Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Certification Signatures

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Name of Applicant Agency (including name of State)

Date