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Dear Law Enforcement Professional:

In order for our nation's intelligence function to be successful, local, state, tribal, and federal agencies must continue to forge stronger partnerships as we work together in our fight against terrorism and the continued reduction of violent crime. Local, state, and tribal officials have been actively involved in efforts to implement a national information sharing capability through their membership on the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global). In furtherance of these efforts, I would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity to serve in a fellowship program on a national-level initiative.

On November 22, 2006, the President approved the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) Guideline 2 Report, which recommended that the federal government create, operate, and sustain an interagency threat assessment coordination group to assist federal counterterrorism agencies in the development and dissemination of "federally coordinated terrorism information products" to local, state, tribal, and private sector consumers. As a result, the Federal Coordinating Group (FCG), located at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), has been established. Within the Group, the interagency participants will engage in collaborative decision making to ensure that both classified and unclassified intelligence produced by federal entities within the intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security communities is fused, validated, coordinated, and approved for dissemination in a concise and, where possible, unclassified format.

I have had the opportunity to be involved in the standing up of the FCG and to provide input into its business processes and concept of operations. It is in this regard that I am asking your assistance in identifying an individual who could work within the NCTC with the FCG to represent the local, state, and tribal law enforcement stakeholders. I hope that you seize this opportunity being offered. It is so very important that local, state, and tribal law enforcement continue to be participants in this critical component of the national information sharing environment. Enclosed you will find a flyer containing more information about this opportunity. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this correspondence or the FCG selection process. I can be reached at (518) 457-5936 or at bjohnson@troopers.state.ny.us.

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