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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: TRIBAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAM:
ANNOUNCING THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF A COMPETITIVE REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to announce the impending release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Tribal Resource Specialist (TRS) Program. OES anticipates releasing the Competitive RFP to the field during June 2007.

The purpose of the TRS Program is to facilitate the development of formal linkages, protocols, and resources between local, county, state, and federal judicial systems, and the tribe(s) the TRS serves. The TRS will serve as a central point of contact for four counties or regions throughout California, and further will help streamline referral of tribal children identified as at risk of, or already victimized by child abuse and/or neglect. Through collaboration with Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases and programs, the TRS can identify key areas tribal and non-tribal agencies should consider when serving tribal children.

Through the TRS Program, the grantees will select knowledgeable tribal experts to serve as the Tribal Resource Specialists for three counties or regions throughout California. The Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds the TRS program. The sum of \$300,000 is the total amount of funds anticipated to be available for the first year of the program with each of the three projects receiving \$100,000. This allocation is for the first year of a three-year program, with a grant period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

Applicants eligible to apply for the Tribal Resource Specialist Program must be either 1) an established or recognized tribe or consortium of tribes, or 2) a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency serving tribal children. All applicants must demonstrate the ability to implement the program and achieve the program objectives.

Should you be interested in submitting a proposal the TRS Program, please consult the OES website during June 2007 at: www.oes.ca.gov / Law Enforcement & Victim Services Division / RFP Funding Information / Tribal Resource Specialist Program Request for Proposal. You may also request the RFP electronically or in paper copy via email to Dennis.Hall@oes.ca.gov, or by writing to: Dennis Hall, Criminal Justice Specialist, Victim Justice Section, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, 3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, California 95655.

Should you need additional information prior to the release of the RFP, you may contact Lori Nosanow, Victim Justice Section Chief, at (916) 324-9216.

Sincerely,

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