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TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tribal Leaders, Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Office of Justice Services

FROM: Monty Wilkinson, Director  
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

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SUBJECT: **Indian Country Strangulation and Suffocation Seminar**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
**February 10-13, 2015**

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by December 5, 2014**

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DOJ SCHEDULED OFFERING NUMBER: 32606

The National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, is holding an Indian Country Strangulation and Suffocation Seminar on February 10-13, 2015, at the National Advocacy Center (NAC). Travel and lodging will be paid for the U.S. Department of Justice. There is no tuition charge for this training.

Strangulation is a lethal form of violence and is common in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. This four-day course is designed for experienced federal and tribal multi-disciplinary professionals (prosecutors, law enforcement officers, advocates, medical professionals) who work domestic violence and sexual assault cases in Indian Country. This course will provide an in-depth examination of the mechanics of strangulation and suffocation from a medical, legal, law enforcement and advocacy perspective. The seminar is intended for personnel who serve as specialists, trainers or expert witnesses in their jurisdiction.

Those selected to attend the class will receive instruction on effective training techniques, how to develop a training curriculum, an overview of courtroom procedures, and instruction on how to use expert witnesses in court and how to work with traumatized victims. This is a skills-based course. Participants will be required to prepare and present training on strangulation and suffocation during the class. In addition, there will be courtroom exercises focused on the introduction and use of expert witness testimony in a strangulation and/or suffocation case.

**Participants are encouraged to register as a team; for example, a prosecutor and investigator or a prosecutor and a medical provider may register as a team. Individual registrations will also be considered.** Training Officers/SACs/SSRAs are invited to nominate individuals from their Division or Department who would benefit from this training opportunity.

Please complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail or FAX to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education, FAX number 803-705-5110. **Nominations are due by Friday, December 5, 2014.**

The NICTI will review all nominations and send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about **December 15, 2014**. Selected nominees will also receive information on how to book travel and lodging.

In order to ensure that our records are correct, please **type** in the required information when completing the nomination forms. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the increasing number of last minute cancellations, we must ask that only nominations for those who are certain to attend be submitted.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Requests should be made to Delores McCarter as early as possible, preferably at least two weeks in advance of the seminar. No nominee will be excluded from a course on the basis of a disability-related accommodations request.

This training is authorized under the Government Employees Training Act.

Any questions regarding this training seminar should be directed to Delores McCarter at (803) 705-5123.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE TYPE AND SUBMIT THIS NOMINATION FORM BY **DECEMBER 5, 2014**,  
VIA EMAIL AT: [delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov](mailto:delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov) OR VIA FAX: (803) 705-5110

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| <b>*Order of Preference:</b> | _____ of _____ |
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*Please type your information below:*

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| <b>Name of Nominee (Last, First, MI):</b> |  |
| <b>Nominee's Job Title:</b>               |  |
| <b>Name of Tribe and/or Agency:</b>       |  |
| <b>Office Mailing Address:</b>            |  |
| <b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>             |  |
| <b>Office Telephone Number:</b>           |  |
| <b>Secondary Telephone Number:</b>        |  |
| <b>Email Address:</b>                     |  |
| <b>Supervisor's Name and Number:</b>      |  |

*\*If multiple applicants are from the same agency, please have the Training Officer or Supervisor rank applicants in order of preference.*

1. Do you have more than one year of experience investigating or prosecuting domestic violence and/or sexual assault strangulation cases?  
 Yes  
 No
  
2. Do you have any prior experience as a trainer on domestic violence and/or sexual assault strangulation cases?  
 Yes  
 No

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3. Do you have any prior experience testifying on domestic violence and/or sexual assault strangulation cases?
  - Yes
  - No
  
4. Have you received previous training on strangulation and/or suffocation?
  - Yes
  - No