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June 22, 2016

Honorable Robert Hutchinson
Chairman
Alachua County Board of Commissioners
12 Southeast 1st Street 2nd Floor
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program –
JAG Countywide – State Solicitation

Dear Chairman Hutchinson:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) anticipates an award from the United States Department of Justice for FFY 2016 JAG funds. FDLE will distribute these funds in accordance with the JAG Countywide distribution provisions of Chapter 11D-9, Florida Administrative Code.

FDLE has set aside \$101,727 funds for use by all units of government within Alachua County. Enclosed are the following documents to assist your county with the strategic planning and allocation process.

JAG-Countywide Program Announcement & Application Instructions
JAG-Countywide Project Timeline
JAG-Countywide Application Checklist
Certificate of Participation

The enclosed Program Announcement provides an overview of these funds which can be used by local units of government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Please note the Program Announcement includes information from the U.S. Department of Justice relating to several areas of national focus and its priorities to help maximize the effectiveness of the Byrne/JAG funding.

As a condition of participation in this program, the units of government in each county must reach consensus concerning expenditure of these funds. This consensus must be documented in writing and include the projects to be implemented, the amounts allocated to each project and the agency responsible for such implementation. This process will require an individual to be designated to exercise leadership and assume a coordinating role in the development of applications for these funds. This coordinator will also serve as liaison between the Department's grants office and subrecipient(s) to ensure all reports, documentation, and timelines are adhered to in accordance with the agreement(s).

FDLE recommends the Board of County Commissioners assume this responsibility. In the event the county declines to serve in this capacity, the Department will request the governing body of each municipality in the county, in descending order of population, to serve as the coordinating unit of government.

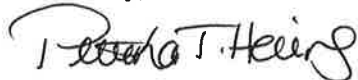
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The enclosed Certificate of Participation form requests the identification of the County Coordinator. Please complete this form and return it to the address below by July 11, 2016. Once confirmed, the Department will forward additional information regarding the application process and FDLE's online grant management system to the coordinator.

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2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

We look forward to working with you. Please contact me or JAG supervisor Randall Smyth at (850) 617-1250 with any questions or for further assistance regarding this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Petrina T. Herring".

Petrina Tuttle Herring
Bureau Chief

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Enclosures

cc: Mayors in Alachua County
Law Enforcement Agencies in Alachua County
Current JAG Project Directors in Alachua County