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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program: Availability of Financial Assistance, Criteria and Application Procedures

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) intends to enter into cooperative agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies to assist them in providing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program to school students. This notice also sets forth the intended funding

priorities and criteria, as well as the application procedures that ATF will use to select, and award Federal funds to, State and local law enforcement agencies to deliver the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before November 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to the G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Cooperative Agreement Section; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 735; Washington, DC 20001; *ATTN: ATF Notice No. 3.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlene Lane, G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 735; Washington, DC 20001; telephone toll-free 1-800-726-7070, extension 7-3140. Or, send electronic mail (e-mail) to: GREAT@atf.gov, or visit the G.R.E.A.T. Web site at <http://www.atf.gov/great/index.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

G.R.E.A.T. is a life-skills competency program designed to provide students with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence. G.R.E.A.T.'s violence prevention curriculum helps students develop values and practice behaviors that will help them avoid destructive activities. G.R.E.A.T. functions as a cooperative program utilizing the skills of ATF, Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel, as well as individuals from community and civic groups.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program trains law enforcement officers in a school-based curriculum in which the officers provide instruction to school-aged children in life skill competencies, gang awareness, and anti-violence techniques. Training will be provided to any State or local law enforcement agency to the extent allocated funds allow. G.R.E.A.T. consists of three major phases:

- Phase I—School-Based Education,
- Phase II—After School/Summer Education/Booster Classes, and
- Phase III—Family Component.

Other Pertinent Information

All funded agencies shall be subject to an audit of program expenditures and curriculum adherence. ATF will use the audit findings to alter funding levels if deemed necessary by ATF.

Applicants who receive over \$100,000, and have been teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program for over a year, will be required to develop programs tailored to their respective communities

for phases II and III. Failure to develop and provide phases II and III by July 1st of the award year will result in a reduction in funding of up to 25% for the remainder of the year. In mid-year, funded agencies will be reviewed to ensure that funding requirements are being met. Agencies not meeting their funding obligations will have their monies reduced.

Agencies awarded \$50,000 or more will be required to provide an officer (or officers) on a part-time basis to assist the G.R.E.A.T. Program as a National Training Team (NTT) member. NTT members serve as instructors for G.R.E.A.T. officer training sessions during the award period at the rate of two weeks per \$50,000 of the award amount. Agencies in their first year of Federal funding are exempt from this requirement. However, the funded agency will be required to designate an officer to complete the NTT G.R.E.A.T. Management Training course.

Application Procedures

Application for financial assistance must be made on ATF Form 6410.1 (Gang Resistance Education And Training Funding Application). Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Cooperative Agreement Section, G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 735; Washington, DC 20001; telephone toll-free 1-800-726-7070. Or visit the G.R.E.A.T. Web site at <http://www.atf.gov/great/index.htm>.

If your agency was funded during the last award period (1/16/2003 to 1/15/2004), you can have application forms sent or questions answered by your current G.R.E.A.T. Program Branch cooperative agreement point of contact.

Funding Categories and Funding Distributions

In order to provide funding to a range of community sizes and locations, applicants will be divided into five categories based on population. The population categories are: (a) 1,000,000 and over; (b) 999,999-500,000; (c) 499,999-100,000; (d) 99,999-25,000; and (e) 24,999 or less. Each applicant is required to report its population figures using the Bureau of Census 2000 Population Report for its entire service area. Population figures may be obtained from the Bureau's Web site at <http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates>, or by contacting the Census Bureau at 301-457-4608.