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Dear County Executive/Chief Elected Official,

The NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is pleased to commence the application process for the Annual Probation State Aid Plan and Annual Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plan for SFY 2012-13. In an effort to enhance local community corrections planning and align local funding opportunities with the state fiscal year, DCJS provided continued funding for all probation and ATI programs through June 30, 2012. In 2011, Probation Departments and ATI Programs were notified that their 2011 plans/applications were extended for six months to June 30, 2012, ensuring continued funding for this period. The new contract and reimbursement period commencing July 1, 2012 will better serve localities, and ensure that contracts, where required, will be in place.

Accordingly, the Annual Probation State Aid Plan and Application and the Annual Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plan and Application will cover the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and will assist localities in coordinating their probation and alternatives to incarceration planning, including the coordination of local training. We are pleased to report that Probation and ATI funding allocations are preserved at 2011-12 levels for 2012-13, and localities should plan accordingly. The State Aid for Probationary Services for 2012-13 includes Aid to Probation, the Intensive Probation Supervision Program, the Enhanced Supervision of Sex Offenders, the Juvenile Risk Intervention Services Coordination, and new this year—the Probation Eligible Diversion Program. The Probation Director/Commissioner should complete the Annual Probation State Aid Plan and submit it to the Chief Elected Official for submission to OPCA. Once the Annual Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plan and Application is approved by the ATI Advisory Board/Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, it should be submitted to the Chief Elected Official for submission to OPCA. Both plans should be submitted at the same time. Importantly, please note that a state approved ATI Service plan authorizes your jurisdiction to continue the reduced housing classification for inmates in your local correctional facility consistent with Section 500-b of the Correction Law and Article 13-A of the Executive Law.

New this year--OPCA is requesting that juvenile and criminal justice practitioners review and consider important juvenile and adult criminal justice data in order to better plan and coordinate effective interventions and to garner operational efficiencies that promote the effective use of local and state criminal justice funding. Attached to this application are the

statewide data tables for localities to utilize in conducting their analyses. We believe that both localities and the state will benefit from the consideration and answers to the questions included in the application and that together, they can serve as a dashboard for criminal justice practitioners.

Please submit your Probation and ATI Plans and Applications for 2012-2013 electronically by the County Executive or chief elected official as an e-mail attachment to Applications2012@dcjs.ny.gov on or before close of business **Friday, May 18, 2012**. Instructions for completion of the plans are found in Section A. However, should you have any general questions about the plan please contact OPCA Executive Deputy Director Thomas Slater at Thomas.Slater@dcjs.ny.gov or 518-485-7692. Should you have any probation related questions please contact Acting Director of Adult Probation Services Gary Govel at Gary.Govel@dcjs.ny.gov or 518-457-4336. ATI related questions should be directed to ATI Manager Yvonne Behan at Yvonne.Behan@dcjs.ny.gov or 518-485-5153.

Please note that a LIVE MEETING that will be conducted by OPCA on April 16, 2012, to assist localities with the completion of the plan and application. Additional information regarding the LIVE MEETING will be sent out under separate cover to Probation Directors and ATI Advisory Board Chairs during the next several days.

We look forward to working with you on this new endeavor.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner and Director
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cc. Probation Directors/Commissioners
Chairs, Criminal Justice Advisory Boards