

Human Trafficking Alliance Western District of State

Memorandum of Understanding

Mission Statement: The Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (Alliance) of the Western District of State is a collaboration of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together with organizations providing comprehensive services to trafficking victims to 1) identify and rescue victims of human trafficking and 2) to proactively investigate, identify, apprehend and prosecute those engaged in human trafficking.

The Alliance, as initially formed, consists of the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and Coast Guard Investigative Service; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Inspector General and Wage and Hour Division; U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security; State Attorney General's Office; State Department of Public Safety, State Rangers Division; Large County District Attorney's Office; Large County Sheriff's Office; Big City Police Department; and the Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Coalition) (non-governmental organizations and individuals working toward or with an interest in or assisting victims of human trafficking). Other agencies will be included as identified.

Each member agency agrees to support the overall mission of the Alliance to identify and assist victims of human trafficking and to proactively investigate, identify, apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of human trafficking. In order to facilitate the goals of the Mission Statement, the member agencies agree to and including, but not limited to, the following participation:

U.S. Attorney's Office will:

- § Provide overall direction necessary to facilitate the institutional changes necessary to make the trafficking of humans a priority for law enforcement, governmental and non-governmental organizations and the community as a whole;
- § Provide oversight and coordination of the various members of the Alliance by the Deputy Chief, Organized Crime Group, and the Chief of the Civil Rights Unit to insure that all human trafficking referrals and complaints are fully investigated by the appropriate investigative agency;
- § Provide two Assistant U.S. Attorneys for case investigative direction and guidance toward the prosecution of human trafficking organizations and civil rights violators; other prosecution support will be assigned as needed;

- § Provide victim and witnesses notification and services or referrals to human trafficking victims in all cases brought for prosecution by the Alliance's Victim Witness Coordinator;
- § Provide development and coordination of training for law enforcement and victim service provider training by the Alliance's Law Enforcement Coordinator;
- § Provide liaison services between the Alliance and the Coalition by the Victim Witness Coordinator and the Law Enforcement Coordinator.

Federal Bureau of Investigation will:

- § Provide support for Alliance by membership and meeting attendance by the civil rights supervisory special agent and coordination with the appropriate organized crime supervisory special agent;
- § Provide framework and direction for the Human Trafficking Working Group (Working Group), including the grant funded law enforcement liaison position (LEL);
- § Provide full time agent assignments to the Working Group;
- § Facilitate the law enforcement agency's determination of certification of trafficking victims which is essential for continued support services.
- § Provide victim and witnesses services or referrals to human trafficking victims in all cases being investigated by the FBI Victim Witness Coordinator;

Law Enforcement BJA Grantee will:

- § Co-facilitate Task Force Meetings;
- § Provide management level support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Act as fiscal agent for the Law Enforcement and Service Provider Multidisciplinary Anti-Trafficking Task Force grant, including providing budgetary and progress reports as required;
- § Provide additional law enforcement and administration support as needed on a case by case basis;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the Sheriff's Office and in the community;
- § Facilitate the training of deputy sheriffs in both the identification of potential human trafficking victims, procedures for referral of victims to service provider organizations

and the cases to the Working Group and the techniques for successful investigation of complex human trafficking cases;

- § Facilitate the law enforcement agency's determination of certification of trafficking victims which is essential for continued support services.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide full time agent assignment to the Working Group;
- § Provide additional agent and administration support as needed on a case by case basis;
- § Facilitate the law enforcement agency's determination of certification of trafficking victims which is essential for continued support services.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Coast Guard Investigative Service will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Investigations will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;
- § Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community;

State Attorney General's Office will:

- § Provide attorney support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide interpretation and guidance in matters falling under the new State human trafficking statute;
- § Provide an Assistant Attorney General for case investigative direction and guidance toward the prosecution of human trafficking cases as requested from district attorneys in rural areas; other prosecution support will be assigned as needed;
- § Provide victim and witness notification and services or referrals to human trafficking victims in all cases brought for prosecution by the Victim Witness Specialist.

State Department of Public Safety, State Rangers Division will:

- § Provide support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;
- § Provide investigative and other support for identified human trafficking cases as needed;

§ Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the agency and in the community.

Large County District Attorney's Office will:

§ Provide attorney support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;

§ Provide an Assistant District Attorney for case investigative direction and guidance toward the prosecution of human trafficking cases; other prosecution support will be assigned as needed;

§ Provide victim and witnesses notification and services or referrals to human trafficking victims in all cases brought for prosecution by the Victim Witness Specialist;

§ Provide liaison services between the Alliance and the Coalition by the Victim Witness Specialist.

Big City Police Department will:

§ Provide management level support for Alliance membership and meeting attendance;

§ Provide law enforcement, investigative and administration support for identified human trafficking cases as needed on a case by case basis;

§ Identify training needs related to human trafficking crimes within the Police Department and in the community;

§ Facilitate the training of police officers in both the identification of potential human trafficking victims, procedures for referral of victims to service provider organizations and the cases to the Working Group and the techniques for successful investigation of complex human trafficking cases.

OVC Comprehensive Victim Service Provider will:

§ Co-facilitate Task Force Meetings;

§ Act as the facilitator of Coalition;

§ Coordinate information of possible cases reported to Alliance members;

§ Act as a liaison for victims and the involved law enforcement entities, when needed and requested;

§ Coordinate assistance with other social service providers, particularly in large cases;

- § Provide comprehensive services to victims of severe forms of human trafficking;
- § Provide victims of human trafficking with information about their rights and options so that victims can make informed choices;
- § Facilitate the communication of victims' needs during investigation and prosecution.
- § Assist with requests for development and coordination of training;
- § Continue to educate the community about the Trafficking Victim's Protection Act and the collaborative efforts of social service providers and law enforcement;

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Chief of Police, City of Big City

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Sheriff, Large County

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United States Attorney, Western District of State

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Facilitator
Comprehensive Trafficking Victims Services NGO

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State Department of Public Safety

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District Attorney, Large County

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Big City

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

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