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Dear Mr. Hodes:

On behalf of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), I am delighted to request your organization's participation on an Office of Justice Programs' NIJ-sponsored Special Technical Committee (STC) to develop a performance standard for electronic monitoring devices.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 statutorily authorized the Office of Science and Technology (OST) within NIJ, defined its mission and enumerated its duties, including establishing and maintaining performance standards for technologies that may be used by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. As such, we have a vested interest in the development of equipment performance standards that affect law enforcement and corrections personnel.

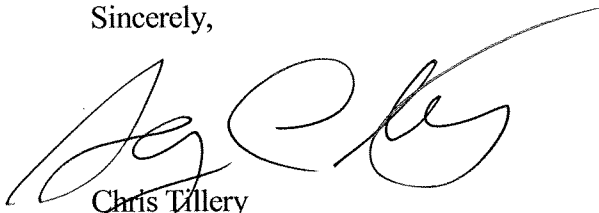
The STC will be comprised of approximately 10-15 individuals, each with knowledge and expertise related to electronic monitoring. A majority will be law enforcement and corrections practitioners, with additional representatives from standards and testing organizations. The committee will be responsible for identifying law enforcement's and corrections' functional requirements in this area, identifying shortfalls in existing standards and generating a new standard.

It is anticipated that this committee will meet approximately every 4 weeks for the next 12 months. Each meeting will last up to two days. Airfare, lodging expenses, and per diem will be covered for non-federal invited STC participants. The first meeting will be held October 21st and 22nd in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

You were recommended to serve on the STC due to your knowledge and expertise in this area, and we ask you to serve as your organization's representative. If you have any specific questions or comments concerning this effort, please contact Jack Harme at (202) 616-2911 or Jack.Harme@usdoj.gov. Jack Harme serves as NIJ's Corrections Technology Portfolio program manager.

I appreciate your organization's participation in this extremely important effort. I would also request that you acknowledge your participation in this effort to Jack Harne via email or fax to (202) 307-9907 no later than October 5th, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Tillery', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Chris Tillery
Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology
National Institute of Justice