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ICE ANNOUNCES STANDARDIZED 287(g) AGREEMENTS WITH 67 STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS

WASHINGTON—Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) John Morton today announced standardized Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with 67 state and local law enforcement agencies to participate in 287(g) partnerships—improving public safety by prioritizing criminal aliens who are a threat to local communities, ensuring consistent and uniform policies and providing a force multiplier for ICE’s immigration enforcement efforts across the country.

“Coordinating with our state and local partners is important to smart and effective enforcement of our immigration laws,” said Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. “These new agreements promote public safety by prioritizing the identification and removal of dangerous criminal aliens and ensure consistency and stronger federal oversight of state and local immigration law enforcement efforts across the nation. The rules set forth in these agreements will enhance our efforts to work together effectively with our local partners.”

“These new partnerships are an essential tool for law enforcement to identify and remove dangerous criminal aliens from local communities,” said Assistant Secretary Morton. “Standardizing these agreements allows us to better use the resources and capabilities of our law enforcement partners, facilitates accountability and ensures that all participating jurisdictions are following uniform standards throughout the country.”

The state and local law enforcement partnerships announced today conform to the standardized 287(g) MOA announced by Secretary Janet Napolitano and Assistant Secretary Morton in July—strengthening ICE’s overall immigration enforcement strategy by aligning local operations with ICE’s major priorities, specifically the identification and removal of criminal aliens.

The 287(g) program acts as a force multiplier, training officers from local jurisdictions to carry out smart, effective immigration enforcement efforts aligned with ICE priorities. Throughout the country, 1,075 local officers have been trained through 287(g)—bolstering national immigration enforcement efforts and saving hundreds of millions of dollars.

From January 2009 to date, 287(g)-trained local officers are credited with the removal of approximately 24,000 aliens nationwide and have identified 48 percent more criminal aliens than during the same period in 2008.

The new partnerships include the Jail Model, in which local law enforcement agencies designate Jail Enforcement Officers to identify aliens already incarcerated within their detention facilities who are eligible for removal, as well as the Federal Task Force Model, in which agencies

designate officers to work with Federal agents in locating, processing and removing criminal aliens from the United States.

The agreements announced today fall into four categories:

- 55 agreements have been signed by ICE and the partnering agency;
- 12 agreements have been reached and await approval by the local jurisdiction's supervisory authority; and
- Six agreements have negotiations underway.
- Six jurisdictions did not re-sign the new 287(g) agreement or withdrew during negotiations for a variety of reasons, including implementation of the Secure Communities program, budgetary constraints and limited program utilization.

The new MOA clearly defines the objectives of the 287(g) program, outlines the immigration enforcement authorities granted by the agreement and provides guidelines for ICE's supervision of local agency officer operations—including information reporting and tracking, complaint procedures, and implementation measures.

To address concerns that individuals may be arrested for minor offenses as a guise to initiate removal proceedings, the new agreement requires participating local law enforcement agencies to pursue all criminal charges that originally caused the offender to be taken into custody.

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA) of 1996 added Section 287(g) to the Immigration and Nationality Act, which authorizes the DHS Secretary to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to perform immigration officer functions. Pursuant to these agreements, designated officers who receive appropriate training and function under the supervision of sworn ICE officers are permitted to perform immigration law enforcement duties.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.



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PARTICIPATING 287(g) JURISDICTIONS

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The new agreements announced today fall into three categories:

➤ **55 agreements have been signed by ICE and the partnering agency:**

AL	Etowah County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
AL	Alabama Department of Public Safety	Task Force
AZ	Pima County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
AZ	Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
AZ	AZ Department of Corrections	Jail Enforcement
AZ	AZ Department of Public Safety	Task Force
AZ	Pinal County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
AZ	Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
AR	Benton County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
AR	Rogers Police Department	Task Force
AR	Washington County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
AR	City of Springdale Police Department	Task Force
CO	El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
CT	City of Danbury Police Department	Task Force
DE	Delaware Department of Corrections	Jail Enforcement
FL	Bay County Sheriff's Office	Task Force
FL	Collier County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
FL	FL Department of Law Enforcement	Task Force
GA	Hall County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
GA	Whitfield County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
GA	Cobb County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
GA	Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
MD	Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
MN	MN Department of Public Safety	Task Force
MO	MO State Highway Patrol	Task Force
NV	Las Vegas Metropolitan PD	Jail Enforcement

NH	Hudson City Police Department	Task Force
NJ	Hudson County Department of Corrections	Jail Enforcement
NJ	Monmouth County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Durham Police Department	Task Force
NC	Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Gaston County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Wake County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Alamance County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
NC	Henderson County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
OH	Butler County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
OK	Tulsa County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
RI	Rhode Island State Police	Task Force
SC	Beaufort County Sheriff's Office	Task Force
SC	York County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
TN	TN Highway Patrol/Department of Public Safety	Task Force
TX	Carrollton Police Department	Jail Enforcement
TX	Farmers Branch Police Dept.	Task Force
UT	Washington County Sheriff Office	Jail Enforcement
UT	Weber County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
VA	Herndon Police Department	Task Force
VA	Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	Task Force
VA	Manassas Police Department	Task Force
VA	Manassas Park Police Department	Task Force
VA	Prince William County Police Department	Task Force
VA	Prince William County Sheriff's Office	Task Force
VA	Prince William-Manassas Adult Detention Center	Jail Enforcement
VA	Rockingham County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force
VA	Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office	Jail & Task Force

➤ **12 agreements have been reached and await approval by the local jurisdiction's supervisory authority:**

AZ	City of Mesa Police Department	Task Force
AZ	City of Phoenix Police Department	Task Force
AZ	Florence Police Department	Task Force
CA	San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
CO	CO Department of Public Safety	Task Force
FL	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
GA	GA Department of Public Safety	Task Force
NC	Guilford County Sheriff's Office	Task Force
RI	Rhode Island Department of Corrections	Jail Enforcement
SC	Charleston County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
TN	Davidson County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
TX	Harris County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement

➤ **Six agreements have negotiations underway:**

CA	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
CA	Orange County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
CA	Riverside County Sheriff's Office	Jail Enforcement
MA	MA Department of Corrections	Jail Enforcement
NJ	Morristown Police Department	Task Force

NM NM Department of Corrections

Jail Enforcement

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FL Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Jail Enforcement

FL Manatee County Sheriff's Office

Jail Enforcement

MA Framingham Police Department

Task Force

NC Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Jail Enforcement

NV City of Mesquite Police Department

Jail Enforcement

TX Houston Police Department

Jail Enforcement

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