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TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF THE CENTER ON BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST AT A FORUM DISCUSSING THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

COPS OFFICE WILL MEET WITH CIVIL RIGHTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES, SHARE PROMISING STRATEGIES, AND DISCUSS CREATIVE AND ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK—Credentialed members of the media are invited to cover the COPS Office Director's Forum being held in response to the President's Initiative, My Brother's Keeper. During the forum, Tony West, Associate Attorney General of the United States, the Department's third ranking official, will announce the creation of the National Center for Building Community Trust and Justice. Media availability with senior DOJ officials will follow the announcement.

WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2014
8:30am to 10:00am
Media set up must be completed no later than 8:15 EDT

Media Availability with senior DOJ officials
Immediately following

WHERE: Ford Foundation
320 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017

WHO: Associate Attorney General of the United States Tony West
Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Karol Mason
COPS Office Director Ronald L. Davis
Office on Violence Against Women Director Bea Hanson
New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio
New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton
Reverend Al Sharpton

NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. **Media interested in attending should RSVP to Nikita Purdy at nikita.purdy@usdoj.gov or 202-598-5303 no later than 4:30 p.m. EDT, Thursday, April 3, 2014.** Media inquiries regarding logistics should contact Dean Kueter at 202-353-9961.

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