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### **OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AWARDS MORE THAN \$35 MILLION TO SUPPORT REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS**

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs today announced that it has awarded over \$35 million in grant funding to support the Regional Information Sharing Systems network. Composed of six regional centers and the RISS Technology Support Center, RISS encompasses more than 9,000 local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement and public safety agencies, which work together to share information and respond to the unique crime problems of each region.

“A robust information sharing capability is essential to effective law enforcement and foundational to community safety,” said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan. “The Department of Justice is proud to continue its support of RISS and its members as they solve crimes, arrest criminals and work to protect Americans from violence.”

Six of the awards named below will fund the RISS centers and the operational costs associated with them, while the RISS Technology Support Center award will continue RISS’s national sharing capabilities and includes funding for the Ashanti Alert pilot program, which issues alerts about missing persons aged 18-64.

Institute for Intergovernmental Research (RISS Technology Support Center), Florida  
Total Awarded \$5,813,000

Rocky Mountain Information Network Inc., Arizona  
Total Awarded \$5,132,681

Western States Information Network, Inc., California  
Total Awarded \$5,401,820

New England State Police Information Network, Inc., Massachusetts  
Total Awarded \$4,034,162

Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, Missouri  
Total Awarded \$4,732,110

Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, Inc.,  
Pennsylvania  
Total Awarded \$5,235,034

Regional Organized Crime Information Center, Tennessee  
Total Awarded \$5,301,820

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).

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