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**TACOMA REGIONAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT
FY 2005**

This agreement is made this 30th day of September 2004, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Washington State Patrol (hereinafter "WSP").

Whereas there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the Pierce County, Washington area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of Pierce County, Washington, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The Tacoma Regional Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:
 - a. Disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the Pierce County, Washington area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;
 - b. Gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and
 - c. Conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Washington.
2. To accomplish the objectives of the Tacoma Regional Task Force, the WSP agrees to detail one (1) experienced officer to the Tacoma Regional Task Force for a period of not less than two (2) years. During this period of assignment, the WSP Officer will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.
3. The WSP Officer assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to all DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.
4. The WSP Officer assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as a Task Force Officer of DEA pursuant to 21, U.S.C. 878.

TAHOMA NARCOTICS TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the following agencies:

Tacoma Police Department
Pierce County Sheriff's Office
Puyallup Police Department
Washington State Patrol
Pierce County Prosecutor's Office

I. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Pierce County and its municipalities have experienced a crime problem due to drug abuse, which has rapidly increased from the 1970's to the early 1980's. This increase stems not only from an increase in population in all areas in the county and in changing drug abuse trends, but also from the lack of being able to maximize drug enforcement efforts. The large rural areas of the county make the county ideal for marijuana cultivation and clandestine drug lab operations. The close proximity of large urban population centers provides a ready market for illegal drugs. A significant number of major crimes, such as residential and commercial burglary, robbery and assault, are committed by drug abusers. Pierce County's experience in this regard is consistent with national trends that reveal a truly staggering number of crimes committed by drug users.

Enforcement efforts directed at reducing drug trafficking in Pierce County have, for the most part, been fought by law enforcement agencies working alone. There has been little coordinated and concentrated effort directed at drug offenders and offenses, despite the fact that drug traffickers and the crimes they generate do not respect jurisdictional boundaries of municipalities and counties. Significant drug arrests have occurred because of detailed investigations by existing investigative units, but multi-agency task force operations have a better opportunity of sustained operations. An intensive and concentrated effort directed at such offenders can result in significant crime reductions, far in