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The Simon Wiesenthal Center, with support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, will host Institutes at its **Museum of Tolerance** in Los Angeles from March to July 2003. Criminal justice professionals from the same jurisdiction are invited to form teams to learn how to combat terrorism and hate crimes collaboratively and more effectively. Teams are comprised of judges, attorneys (U.S., District, City and Public Defenders), probation and police officers, school officials, and human relation commissioners throughout the United States.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF EACH INSTITUTE?

The goal of each Institute is to help national criminal justice professionals across the nation formulate new strategic approaches to combat hate crimes and terrorism based on a fresh understanding of the unique elements that differentiate them from other criminal acts.

HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL?

Participants will engage in an intense four-day program including the following:

EXPERIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Explore the powerful exhibits of the Museum of Tolerance
- Participate in a symposium analyzing the national environment with respect to terrorism and hate crimes

NEW PERSPECTIVES

- Learn new insights into the ethical dimensions of dealing with terrorist threats and hate crimes
- Consider the implications for the criminal justice system and the community

INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES

- Design a new collaborative response to the challenges of terrorism and hate crime

WHAT ARE THE FOLLOW UP REQUIREMENTS?

The Simon Wiesenthal Center will provide ongoing support to all Institute graduates and their extended constituencies, including website updates and video-conferences. Participants will:

- Motivate their agencies and communities to implement the action plan developed during the Institute
- Maintain communication with the Simon Wiesenthal Center staff and other Institute participants through the Center's customized and secure website and virtual network
- Participate in ongoing program evaluation and development

It is important for at least one member of the team to be technologically literate. Digital technology is used extensively for dissemination of information and communication.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost of tuition, travel, accommodation, lunches and curricular materials is supported by a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. All arrangements for air travel and accommodation will be made through the Institute.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE?

Begin by forming a 5-7 member team consisting of one judge or judiciary representative, one prosecuting attorney, one public defender, one probation official, two law enforcement officers, one school official or education representative OR one victim/witness advocate or human relations commissioner. Contact the Project Coordinator for application forms. Submit one application packet containing both individual and team responses.

FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

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