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To: Chief Probation Officers  
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Subject: Fiscal Year 2012 Reimbursement Agreement with the Office of the Federal  
Detention Trustee (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

The Administrative Office and the Office of the Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) have renewed their interagency agreement that provides additional funds for pretrial services alternatives to detention for fiscal year 2012. The agreement authorizes expenditures of up to \$4 million. The OFDT is requiring the use of the Pretrial Risk Assessment (PTRA) on cases receiving OFDT funding. PTRA is an objective, quantifiable instrument that provides a consistent and valid method of predicting risk of failure-to-appear, new criminal arrest, and technical violations while on pretrial release.

These expenditures are authorized for alternatives to detention such as halfway house, electronic monitoring (EM and GPS), substance abuse and mental health treatment and drug testing. The use of these funds should target medium to high risk defendants who would potentially be detained if it were not for the availability of these alternative to detention funds.

Chiefs should utilize OFDT funds only after all 2527 BOC funds have been depleted or a shortfall in alternatives to detention funds is projected. To request funding pursuant to this agreement, submit your request in BOC 2527T, via the InfoWeb using the specialized seven-digit organization codes assigned for this purpose. In general, this organization code is identical to your primary organization code but ends in "T" (e.g., D02NYET) as opposed to "P" or "S". You should also use this specialized code when expending these funds in your FAS4T system. Your justification must include planned expenditures, number of pretrial defendants under supervision, and any extenuating circumstances, such as jail overcrowding. The AO will certify the request by reviewing the justification and planned use of funds, giving priority consideration to districts having scarce funds. Allotments received pursuant to the reimbursable agreement are restricted for use in BOC 2527 only and may not be reprogrammed to other BOCs. As a reminder, alternatives to detention paid for with OFDT funds are not considered in your historical Law Enforcement allotment. However, there is no indication that these funds will not be available in the future.

When entering invoices in the PACTS Invoice screen, please refer to the following example: For invoices that are paid from D02XXXT (e.g. D02NYET), begin the invoice number with OFDT followed by the FY. The FY should be followed with a sequence number. Each of these items should be separated by a dash. For example your first OFDT invoice number would be OFDT-11-01, your second invoice would be OFDT-11-02, and so on.

In Fiscal Year 2011, forty-two districts utilized OFDT funds. We believe the appropriate use of OFDT funds can provide viable alternatives to detention, particularly as resources become depleted and to avoid the need to curtail alternatives to detention. Therefore, we encourage you to consider whether OFDT funds could benefit your Court. If you need additional information please contact Data Analysis Branch Chief Tim Cadigan at (202) 502-1631, or e-mail him at Timothy.Cadigan/DCA/AO/USCOURTS.