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Office on Violence Against Women

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MEMORANDUM TO OVW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT GRANTEEES

FROM: Cindy Dyer
Director
Office on Violence Against Women

SUBJECT: Semi-annual Progress Report Form

I am writing to notify all Tribal Governments Program grantees that the semi-annual progress report form for the Tribal Governments Program is now available on the Grants Management System (GMS).

As you know, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), in cooperation with the Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, has developed a new progress report form for the Tribal Governments Program, which includes new statutory purpose areas and reflects input from numerous Tribal Governments Program grantees. To allow Tribal Governments Program grantees sufficient time to complete these reports, **OVW is extending the deadline for the July 1 through December 31, 2007 progress report** (ordinarily due January 30, 2008) **until October 15, 2008** and **the deadline for the January 1 through June 30, 2008 progress report** (ordinarily due July 30, 2008) **until November 14, 2008**. All grantees must submit their first and second Tribal Governments Program progress reports on GMS by those two dates.

If you have any questions about this reporting requirement, please contact your OVW program specialist. If you need technical assistance regarding how to answer specific questions on the form, please contact the Muskie School's staff at vawamei@usm.maine.edu or call their technical assistance line at 1-800-922-VAWA (8292). Please remember that any questions about the GMS system should be directed to 1-888-549-9901.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation in this process of providing critical data to OVW and to Congress regarding the valuable work you are doing with VAWA funds.