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Pennsylvania Justice Network Awarded Grant by National Governors Association

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Justice Network, or JNET, will receive grant funding from the National Governors Association to develop policies and standards to enhance information sharing within the justice system.

JNET is an integrated portal that provides authorized users with access to public safety and criminal justice information from numerous federal, state and local sources. More than 39,000 local, county, state and federal law enforcement and criminal justice professionals use JNET to conduct secure investigations.

“Over the past decade, the Pennsylvania Justice Network has established itself as a national leader in timely, accurate and secure information access and exchange,” said Dave Naisby, executive director of JNET. “With assistance from the National Governors Association, we hope to grow JNET further through enhanced information sharing with neighboring states and national repositories.”

Pennsylvania is one of four states selected to participate in the NGA Justice Information Sharing Policy Academy, which includes a \$30,000 grant and technical assistance from NGA staff and experts. JNET will work collaboratively with its stakeholders to develop a privacy policy and to adopt technical standards that facilitate the secure exchange of information over the Internet. Currently, users must connect to a private proprietary network.

In 2010, Pennsylvania’s JNET was one of five state initiatives to receive NGA funding and technical assistance to expand access to its services. The new grant funding will expand upon that work by addressing privacy and security concerns.

For more information about the Pennsylvania Justice Network, visit www.pajnet.state.pa.us. To learn more about the National Governors Association, visit www.nga.org.

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