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The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2008
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

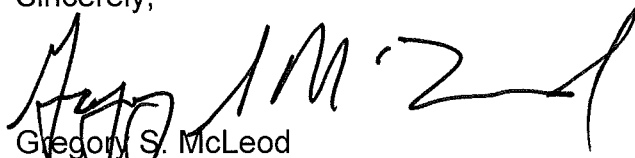
Dear President Pro Tem Berger, Speaker Tillis, and Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations:

As you may know, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) participates in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. The SBI is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our law enforcement capabilities. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

As of February 26, 2013, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$1,846,745.53. The SBI reports its intent to use \$1,128,000.00 leaving a balance of \$718,745.53 in our asset forfeiture account.

Pursuant to applicable law, the SBI reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds as listed on the following page.

Sincerely,


Gregory S. McLeod
Director



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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<u>Specialized Training:</u> These funds will be used for specialized training and equipment required for professional development and / or certification required for SBI employees.	\$100,000.00
<u>SBI Campus & Main Crime Lab Telephone System:</u> Present system, which is 15 years old, is unreliable. In 2012 a multiple hour outage disabled all desk telephone service. Incoming calls were forwarded to another NCDOJ facility and cell phones were used for outgoing calls. Replacement electronic cards and telephone sets are becoming more difficult to obtain. Voice Mail capability is constantly disrupted. The system features buried copper cables on the Headquarters Campus to serve multiple buildings. These metallic cables are deteriorating, requiring increased maintenance to sustain. The response is to replace existing equipment and copper cables with a fiber optic based VOIP system. New system will utilize existing optical cable interconnecting the Headquarters Campus Buildings and Main Crime Lab, eliminating need to maintain and/or replace metallic cables. The new system will deliver additional features and capabilities to each user not currently available. Many of these features are now considered to be basic requirements for voice communications (Caller ID, Conference Calls, etc.). A reduction in monthly recurring costs for voice service to the SBI complex is anticipated after VOIP conversion. Cost savings have not been quantified.	\$450,000.00
<u>Transmitters:</u> The SBI's current undercover transmitter units, monitoring radios, and repeaters are outdated and in compliance with new FCC regulations. Replacement system exhibits state-of-the-art audio / video recording, transmitter capabilities and quality, versatility and scalability, security and watermark features, durability, and user friendly features. This purchase will enhance officer and undercover operatives' safety.	\$110,000.00
<u>Simunitions Equipment & Pro Timers:</u> Simunition Training Equipment will facilitate the NCSBI's training of Special Agents in the Use of Force and Use of Deadly Force by presenting a real-life scenario-based environment. Pro Timers (35 units) will allow firearms instructors to conduct timed drills, measuring a shooter's speed and their accuracy, and to increase the stress level of the shooter, making the training more realistic, with the goal of enhancing officer safety.	\$13,000.00
<u>2013 NCSBI Combating Prescription Drug Diversion 25% Grant Match:</u> Under the 2011 GCC grant, Combating Prescription Drug Diversion, 3,000 law enforcement, medical personnel, members of community groups and students have been trained, and approximately 10 million dosage units of prescription medication were collected during pill take back events. This 2013 grant through the GCC (if awarded) will allow for an expansion of the training to officially include the areas of: medical personnel, community groups, district attorney offices and students.	\$14,000.00

<u>Telecommunication Equipment:</u> Upgrade existing telecommunication equipment that provides the NCSBI with advanced and adaptive electronic surveillance capabilities. This system will be deployed by Bureau personnel in support of the most critical, complex and sensitive investigations, allowing the State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate operations with the complexities of the ever-changing wireless technologies and environments.	\$341,000.00
<u>Moveable & Replacement Equipment:</u> Office equipment and supplies are needed to replace aging and inefficient items that support operational functions in the various divisions, Field, Special Operations, Professional Standards, Crime Lab, and Administration.	\$100,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,128,000.00