NC Secretary of State's Report Regarding Federal Grant Awarded
for
Trademark Offender Intelligence Enhancement
Through Analysis of Handheld Devices

Currently the North Carolina Secretary of State (hereinafter, "NCSOS") possesses criminal jurisdiction for enforcement of trademark (hereinafter, "TM") violations in all one hundred (100) counties within the State of North Carolina. The NCSOS has two (2) full-time sworn investigators to cover this vast territory. To supplement this effort and leverage resources to the maximum extent, the NCSOS created a standing TM Task Force in 2004, which is currently comprised of sixty (60) local law enforcement officers spread across the state. These officers are provided additional training by NCSOS so that they are empowered to conduct TM investigations and take enforcement action.

NCSOS lacked necessary tools to detect relationships between TM counterfeiters or to conduct investigation into their interrelationships. As with any type of investigative function, gathering intelligence on the principal suspects, their movements, distribution, supply activity and associates allows targeted enforcement and maximum utilization of limited resources. Gathering additional intelligence from multiple sources will result in a more efficient enforcement effort across the state. The purpose of the grant it to purchase the equipment and software listed below. By purchasing equipment that will download information from TM counterfeiters' cell phones, as well as the software that can analyze all data gathered for common patterns or contacts will permit a coordinated enforcement strategy to identify suspects and target multi-level participants.

Federal grant monies will be used to purchase the following:

Item	Calculation	Amount
Ruggedized Cellular Seizure System	$7,074 x 3 units =	$ 21,222
Cell Phone Database Linking Software	7,000 x 1 unit =	7,000
G6 Server w/RAID	7,000 x 1 unit =	7,000
Windows SQL Server Standard 2008	885 x 2 units =	1,770
Windows SQL 2008 CAL	162 x20 units =	3,240
Windows Server Enterprise 2008	3,036 x 1 unit =	3,036
Windows Server 2008 CAL	19 x20 units =	380
APC Smart UPS 2200VA Tower	837 x 1 unit =	837
Total Amount of Federal Grant		$44, 485

Grant Time Period: October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

No additional state appropriations are required to implement this grant. The grant originates from the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice. Grant recipients are required match federal grant monies at 100%, which NCSOS is doing by in-kind contribution, consisting of NCSOS employee work time committed to implementing the project. The project manager is Deputy Secretary Haley Haynes (hhaynes@sosnc.com, 919.807.2005).