

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** District Attorney

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
7-25-2006

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) of the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA) Authorizing a One-Time Expenditure.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Riverside District Attorney's Office (hereinafter "County") and the American Prosecutors Research Institute and authorize the District Attorney to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board.
2. Approve the District Attorney's request for a one-time expenditure of \$100,000 from the District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund to the APRI. Because this expenditure enhances prosecution, law enforcement efforts, and training it is an appropriate use of the funds pursuant to §11489 H & S.

**BACKGROUND:** Approval of the MOU at this time enables the District Attorney to provide funding to APRI in conjunction with the National College of District Attorneys, through the NDAA, a state of the art program committed to providing specialized training for the continuing legal education in prosecutorial knowledge and trial techniques to prosecutors nationwide, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the criminal justice system within the community and across the United States.  
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GROVER C. TRASK II  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 100,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	2007

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Riverside County District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund 11018	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Consent  
 Policy  
 Consent  
 Policy  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  
 Dept's Recomm.:

COUNTY COUNSEL

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Departmental Concurrence

The State Asset Forfeiture Program is an effective law enforcement tool from which federal, state and local law enforcement agencies share the proceeds of seized/forfeited property and assets from criminal enterprises. Since this expenditure will promote law enforcement training, as well as criminal justice within the community and throughout the country, it is an appropriate use of those funds. This one-time expenditure of \$100,000 will be 100% funded by the District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund 11018. County Counsel has approved the MOU as to form.

America's prosecutors are, literally, the people's attorneys. NDAA's mission is "to be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights and safety of the people." Prosecutors across the country are the focus. Local prosecutors' educational training, policy concerns, and interests are the focus of the Nation's most influential national organization for the prosecution function. Riverside County District Attorney Grover Trask is currently on the Board of Directors and chairs the APRI. Many of Riverside's prosecutors have utilized the educational training and services provided by NDAA and APRI.

In 1984, the NDAA founded the APRI as a non-profit research and program development resource for prosecutors at all levels of government. Since that time, APRI has become a vital resource and national clearinghouse for information on the prosecutorial function including research, technical assistance and training. The Institute is committed to providing interdisciplinary responses to the complex problems of criminal justice. It is also committed to supporting the highest professional standards among officials entrusted with the crucial responsibility for public safety.

The Institute has assembled a multi-disciplinary staff to meet these standards. The staff includes veteran prosecutors and researchers. Access to comprehensive justice, medical, and scientific data resources, including a nationwide network of working prosecutors, ensures that information provided by APRI is up to date, grounded in practicality, and accurate. APRI staff further conducts research on a broad range of criminal justice issues that are of interest to prosecutors. This can range from assessing the impact of new legislation on the prosecutor's office, to the interpretation, use, and presentation of the newest scientific evidence, to the effectiveness of various programs and sentencing alternatives, to use of the newest technology for trial presentation, to office management and organization.

APRI is funded primarily through federal grants and private sector and prosecutor contributions. As stated by NDAA President Paul A. Logli in his "Message from the President" earlier in 2006: "Certainly, programs offered by the National College of District Attorneys (NCDA) and the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) have already made substantial contributions to the knowledge of prosecutors not only in the area of substantive law but also in the technological support of our litigation. . . . Now, our challenge is to ensure the continued funding of this most important prosecution asset."