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Ms. Colette Pollard  
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451 7th Street SW, Room 4160  
Washington, DC 20410

Subject: Form 50900: Elements for the Annual MTW Plan, Annual MTW Report and FDS  
Submission Instructions (OMB Control #: 2577-0216)

Dear Ms. Pollard:

We are pleased to submit joint comments on behalf of several MTW agencies regarding the proposed changes to the Form 50900 (Attachment B), which was recently published for public comment. We feel strongly that the proposed requirement that MTW agencies obtain re-approval for ongoing MTW activities will create a new bureaucratic burden that could greatly constrain MTW agencies' ability to try new approaches, learn from their results, and make improvements to more effectively achieve local and federal MTW goals.

The attached memo describes our shared reasons for concern about the proposed new language in the 50900. We look forward to your response on this issue, which we consider highly important in order for us to continue our work in creating innovative new approaches to better serve our participants. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Beka Smith at (206) 615-3576, or any of the agencies that are commenting jointly on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Tierney  
Executive Director

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Enclosures