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DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES RESUMES LESO PROGRAM

OKLAHOMA CITY –The Department of Central Services (DCS) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) for the state of Oklahoma will resume accepting requests for federal and state agencies surplus weapons effective July 1, 2011. The U.S. Department of Defense recently authorized the relaxation of weapon distribution ratio restrictions resulting in a large increase of weapon requests. The DCS LESO program briefly suspended accepting new requests in late May to accommodate these changes.

In the past 7 years the LESO Program has provided Oklahoma law enforcement agencies with more than \$4 million in military surplus property, at a cost of only \$200 thousand, a \$3.8 million savings. “Our goal is to provide law enforcement agencies with the best available equipment at the lowest possible cost,” said DCS Director, John Richard.

The LESO surplus program provides Federal Government surplus weapons and equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies for a minimal handling fee. Oklahoma law enforcement agencies are encouraged to contact Oklahoma State LESO Coordinator, Barry Bornemann at (405)425-2700 or Barry_Bornemann@dcs.state.ok.us for more information.

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