

## **Appendix 4. Local and National Evaluations**

**Local Evaluation.** Sites are expected to perform a local evaluation. All sites are required to develop an arrangement with an academic or analytic partner to analyze their crime problems and evaluate the site's strategy and programs. At a minimum, each site must have in place a plan to measure the success of its strategy and programs. Weed and Seed Communities may call upon their state's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) for assistance. The Justice Research and Statistics Association (202-842-9330) can help connect sites with their SAC.

Weed and Seed Communities are encouraged to review *Evaluating a Weed and Seed Strategy* (NCJ 191723), a step-by-step approach to a comprehensive local Weed and Seed evaluation. The publication is available in PDF and text formats on the CCDO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/pub/welcome.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/pub/welcome.html). Guidance on local evaluation also can be obtained from the OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance's Center for Program Evaluation: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/).

**National Evaluation.** Sites must agree to cooperate with any local or national evaluation under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Justice during the course of the grant period.