



Recommendations for North Dakota Regarding CJIS and State Radio

Client Agency

North Dakota Criminal Justice Information Sharing Program (CJIS)
State Radio Division of the Department of Emergency Services
State of North Dakota

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Overview of Technology Assistance Request

The State of North Dakota is looking for assistance in the assessment of the correlation of criminal justice information sharing services provided by the North Dakota Criminal Justice Information Sharing Program (CJIS) and the State Radio Division of the Department of Emergency Services. Initial discussions have occurred between the officials of these agencies, the State's CIO, and Adjutant General. They are in concurrence that both agencies are interested in working towards a common goal to provide information sharing services in the most efficient method to stakeholders.

CJIS is an enterprise architecture that puts in place a statewide framework of people, processes, data, standards, and technology focused on providing accurate and comprehensive data to the criminal justice community in the State of North Dakota. Data access through the CJIS Portal includes criminal history records, parole and probation information, offender registration, concealed weapons, central warrant information system, motor vehicle, driver license records and photos, and court protection orders.

State Radio provides statewide dispatch services to law enforcement, emergency medical, and fire agencies. Through dispatching services, State Radio provides access to many of the systems CJIS provides including the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS).



The Department requested assistance from the BJA Training and Technical Assistance Program, administered as technology assistance (TA) engagements through the IJIS Institute, to provide guidance on how it could best position itself to start developing standards-based exchange capabilities. A team was established to perform the TA engagement (the “TA Team”).

Through a series of onsite meetings with criminal justice stakeholders, the TA Team has reviewed both business and technical issues and has provided this document to:

- ◆ Present an overall assessment and evaluation of the options specifically addressing organizational and technical changes.
- ◆ Make recommendations on the best strategy for implementation of services.

Type of Technology Assistance Services Provided

Specific activities performed by the TA Team included:

- ◆ Review of Business Issues:
 - Work with criminal justice stakeholders (CJIS, State Radio, Office of the Attorney General, State’s Attorneys, the Judicial Branch, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Highway Patrol, and representatives from local law enforcement) to complete discussions regarding the detailed correlation of services provided by CJIS and State Radio.
 - Discuss and define the future state of CJIS and State Radio to ensure efficient and unduplicated delivery of services.
 - Discuss policy matters relevant to the security and operation of the planned services.
- ◆ Review of Technical Issues:
 - Discuss and understand the current technical environment of CJIS and State Radio participating in the criminal justice information sharing initiative.
 - Discuss best practices in the field of statewide sharing of criminal justice information sharing systems.
- ◆ Desired Outcome:
 - Provide an overall assessment and evaluation of the options, specifically addressing organizational and technical changes.
 - Make recommendations on the best strategy for implementation of services.



Overview of Observations and Recommendations

A copy of the TA report can be found on the IJIS Institute website at www.ijis.org.

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