DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

SECURE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE SURVEY – STATE

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is improving community safety by transforming the way the federal government cooperates with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify, detain, and remove all criminal aliens held in custody.   Secure Communities (SC) will revolutionize immigration enforcement by using technology to share information between law enforcement agencies and by applying risk-based methodologies to focus resources on assisting all local communities remove high-risk criminal aliens.

Your answers to the following questions will help ICE implement the Secure Communities initiative. Please ensure your responses to the survey are approved by the appropriate authorities. This survey is to be completed by the State Law Enforcement Agency responsible for IDENT/IAFIS Interoperability.   The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. Your responses will be kept anonymous and will not be disclosed to anyone but the individuals conducting this survey, except as otherwise required by law. Your participation is completely voluntary and you may choose to skip any questions you do not wish to answer.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete and return the survey within two weeks of receipt. Contact Judith Sands at (202) 616-9793 with questions. Mail survey responses to: Judith Sands; ICE – Secure Communities; 425 I St, NW, Suite 5307; Washington, DC 20536 or via e-mail to judith.sands@dhs.gov

IDENT/IAFIS Interoperability State Agency Survey

Contact Information	
Name	Title
State ID Bureau	Address
Telephone	FAX
E-mail	

Section I – Booking Facility Information

1. Are all booking facilities in the state required to submit criminal arrest fingerprints to the state identification bureau?
☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Do all booking facilities in your state submit criminal arrest fingerprints to your state identification bureau or some other centralized system?
☐ Yes
☐ No
If yes to question 2, please provide the point of contact.

_____   _____
Name   Telephone Number

3.   3.   What percentage of booking facilities in your state has the ability to submit criminal arrest fingerprints electronically to the state identification bureau?

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4.   What percentage of your state's criminal arrest fingerprints are reported electronically to the FBI?

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Section II – Fingerprinting

5.   Does the state ID bureau maintain its own fingerprint repository?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes to question 5, please provide the point of contact for the fingerprint repository.

_____   _____
                              Name   Telephone Number

6. Can a list of the jails with Originating Agency identifier (ORI) numbers be provided for all the booking facilities that submit criminal arrest fingerprints to the FBI?

☐ Yes
☐ No

7. How are the criminal arrest fingerprints submitted?

☐ Ink Cards
☐ Electronic Submission (i.e., Cardscan or Livescan)

If selected "Ink Cards" to question 7, where are the cards sent for scanning and submittal?

_____   _____
                              Agency   Location

8. Can a list be provided of those booking facilities that do and do not submit criminal arrest fingerprints electronically?

☐ Yes
☐ No

9. Are criminal arrest fingerprints from local booking facilities submitted to the state identification bureau for every encounter and arrest?

☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Are all criminal arrest fingerprints received at the state identification bureau forwarded to the FBI?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If no to question 10:

  A. When are criminal arrest fingerprints submitted to FBI?
     ☐ Criminal Threshold Reached (i.e., misdemeanor or higher)
     ☐ Initial Encounter Only
     ☐ Identity Unknown
     ☐ Never Submitted

  B. What types of criminal arrest fingerprints are not forwarded to the FBI?

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  C. Of all criminal arrest fingerprints received at the state identification bureau, what percentage isn't forwarded to the FBI?
     _____

11. How long does it take for the state identification bureau to respond to local criminal arrest fingerprint submissions?

☐ Less than 1 hour
☐ 1 to 4 hours
☐ 4 to 6 hours
☐ More than 6 hours

12. Do all criminal arrest fingerprint submissions include criminal charges?

☐ Yes
☐ No

13. Is the state identification bureau including offense codes on criminal arrest fingerprint submissions to the FBI?

☐ Yes
☐ No

14. If criminal charges are numerically coded, are NCIC numeric codes used?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, what codes are used?

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15. Are state prisons required to submit criminal arrest fingerprints to the state identification bureau?

☐ Yes

☐ No