

BJS LETTERHEAD

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Dear <Salutation>:

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in partnership with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), is requesting your court's participation in the first *Census of Problem-Solving Courts* (CPSC). With help from you and other problem-solving courts, BJS and our partners will chronicle the number and variety of all state problem-solving court programs in the nation and will help develop a clearer national understanding of what constitutes a "problem-solving court." The CPSC is being conducted by the NCSC on behalf of BJS.

This census involves the collection of a variety of information on problem-solving courts including court operations, adult offenders, and participant services. You will be receiving more detailed information on how to participate in the census on **DATE** directly from our NCSC partner, including a hyperlink to complete the survey online.

Although participation is voluntary, the response of your agency is very important to this project, and I hope you and your staff will agree to assist us. In compliance with the Paper Work Reduction Act, we weighed the resources required to collect these data against the critical information that will be generated with your participation. This data collection has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (please see OMB control number XXX on the data collection forms).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicole Waters at the National Center for State Courts or Ron Malega who is the data collection manager at the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Their contact numbers are listed below. I may also be contacted if you have any general questions or concerns about this project.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this census.

Sincerely,

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