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Dear «Name3» «Name2»:

We are writing to let you know that the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) will be fielding the 2013 Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC) during the week of July 23, 2013. This year's survey will again track key characteristics of jails and jail inmates in Indian Country, including the rated capacity of the facilities, the number of persons admitted to and released from jails, and aggregate data on inmate demographics, convictions status, and the type of admission offense.

BJS will again partner with Westat, Inc., to collect the data. As in previous years, we will be faxing the forms to you rather than mailing them to you. When you receive the fax with the survey form, Westat's contact information will be provided.

Thanks to your efforts, we have been able to highlight the high volume of the inmates admitted into your jail and the resource demands they place on jail operations as a major source of strain in managing your inmate population. The volume of inmates admitted to Indian country jails was 6 times the size of the average daily population in June 2011. You may also find it interesting that nationwide, 78,700 American Indians and Alaska Natives were under correctional supervision in the United States. About 62% of these offenders (49,000) were under supervision in the community on probation or parole in 2011, and 38% (29,700) were in prison or jail. The resulting report, *Jails in Indian Country, 2011*, is available electronically at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=4492>.

In several months we anticipate releasing *Jails in Indian Country, 2012*. Along with previous editions, the anticipated report will be available at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbse&sid=32>. If you are unable to access the reports electronically, we would be happy to email you or mail you a copy.

We appreciate your participation in this important collection and look forward to further communication with you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Todd Minton at 202-305-9630, or Todd.Minton@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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