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Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Washington, D.C. 20531

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«Name1» «Name2»

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Dear «Name3» «Name2»:

We are writing to thank you for your continued participation in the Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC) data collection program and to ask for your participation in the 2013 survey. Since 1998, the SJIC has been a core component of the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) data collections on jail populations. For the seventh straight year we have partnered with Westat to collect the data.

Your participation in the program has been vital in allowing BJS to track changes in the jail population and to address critical changes in Tribal jails. Thanks to your efforts, we have highlighted 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. For more information please see the report, *Jails in Indian Country, 2011*, available electronically at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=4492>.

Participation in the 2013 survey is voluntary; however, we ask for your assistance in conducting this survey. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3732), authorizes the collection of these data.

Please complete your questionnaire and fax to Westat at 301-315-5912 before August 1, 2013. If you need assistance in completing the survey, please contact Karla Eisen of Westat at 1-888-675-7330 or Todd Minton of BJS at 202-305-9630.

Sincerely,

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