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**CEP/SURVEY OF THE NEEDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**Trained Personnel—Shortages**

Is this partner agency currently fully staffed with law enforcement officers (LEOs)? If No, please estimate the number of additional LEOs the agency requires to achieve full capacity.

Answer will be yes or no + a number or 0

Is this partner agency able to work at full capacity under the Cooperative Enforcement Program’s (CEP) Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA)? If no, please explain the agency’s challenges.

Answer will be yes or no + free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

How can OLE assist a partner agency experiencing staffing shortages?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

**Maintaining Maritime Domain Awareness**

What enforcement activities does this partner agency currently perform to support the Maritime Domain Awareness Plan (MDA)?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?) OR see the following options (defined in the MDA itself)

Information gathering

Information sharing

Information development

Collaborating with other states/territories to make commercial and recreational registration data collected consistent

How does this partner agency envision supporting MDA?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

How can NOAA OLE assist with supporting more work under the MDA?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

**FORMALIZED AGREEMENTS with Other Federal LE Agencies**

Is this agency pursuing law enforcement agreements with other federal agencies outside of NOAA OLE? If yes, please identify those agencies and their specific offices or programs:

Answer will be yes or no and free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

Has the agency entered into law enforcement agreements with other federal agencies outside of NOAA OLE? If yes, please identify those agencies and their specific offices or programs:

Answer will be yes or no and free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

How can NOAA OLE assist with entering into law enforcement agreements with other federal agencies?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

**ACCESS TO TOOLS—Advanced Technology**

List the top five advanced technology equipment of interest to the agency:

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

List the top five high technology systems of interest to the agency:

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

What is the barrier or prohibition to acquiring that technology (access/cost)?

Answer options:

No nexus to Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) execution priorities

Prohibited equipment under the CEP Manual (NOAA OLE policy)

Cannot perform enough work under a priority to justify the expense

Statutory exclusions for use of equipment (think pole cameras, drones)

Too expensive; will exclude other equipment needed to support JEA

Other: (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

How can NOAA OLE assist with access to advanced technology?

Answer will be free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)

**OTHER ISSUES**

Identify challenges to the partner agency’s capacity to perform work under its annual JEA that were not previously addressed. For the following categories, identify challenges, if any, the agency encounters with:

Answers will be in free text (QUESTION: Limit number of words?):

Funding

Capacity

Equipment

Knowledge or data sharing

Communications between federal agencies

How can NOAA OLE assist the agency with other issues? (QUESTION: Limit number of words?)