

Attachment A – Email Outreach

Administered at first by email, with follow up call as necessary.

Script for statewide public defender offices/systems as well as those under the governance of an indigent defense commission:

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One of the lessons learned from the 2007 census was that it was more efficient and appropriate for district/circuit/regional offices within statewide systems to complete the census than to have a single census for an entire statewide system. To that end, we are hoping you can help us develop the list of offices and their leaders within your state.

We have attached a simple spreadsheet [**ATTACHMENT D**] to collect the information that we need. If you already have a list of offices in your state with contact information, we can accept that as well. If you are not the correct person to contact for this inquiry, let us know so we can update our files and please direct us to the appropriate contact, if known. We estimate the information we are requesting will take up to 15 minutes to input.

The public defense data that is available to the public - and to the defense community and other criminal legal system stakeholders - is sparse. Because public defense is delivered so diversely across the country, it is critical that we have the participation of most offices to make this project a success.

We thank you for your help with this project!

Sincerely and on behalf of our project team,

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Script for county-administered public defender offices as well as those outside of the governance of a statewide program and/or indigent defense commission:

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We are trying to identify whether your county has a public defender office and collect some basic contact information.

We have attached a simple spreadsheet [**ATTACHMENT D**] to collect the information that we need. If you have more than one public defense office in your county and already have a list of these offices with contact information, we can accept that as well. If you are not the correct person to contact for this inquiry, let us know so we update our files and please direct us to the appropriate contact, if known. We estimate the information we are requesting will take up to 15 minutes to input.

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