



Client Agency

Puerto Rico CJIS Integration Initiative

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Dates Services Provided

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Overview of Technical Assistance Request:

In early 2006, the Director of the Puerto Rico Criminal Justice Information System services agency (SIJC¹) requested Technology Assistance (TA) from the IJIS Institute to provide a review, analysis, and recommendations for the development of a strategic plan for a statewide Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS²) integration initiative.

The purpose of the request is to assist SIJC and other Puerto Rico criminal justice and public safety stakeholders in establishing and defining the following issues as they relate to integrated justice:

- ▶ Strategic plan mission statement
- ▶ Project scope
- ▶ Project methodology
- ▶ Initial project activities
- ▶ Governance structure
- ▶ Identification of integral components of an overall integration tactical plan and blueprint
- ▶ Information on how differing architectural designs for system interoperability produce corresponding risks and benefits
- ▶ Methods for determining sufficiency of existing network
- ▶ Suggestions for managing and coordinating multiple projects
- ▶ Advice on how the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM) can best be
- ▶ Instruction on development of realistic budgets for various system development and interface activities

Type of Technical Assistance Services Provided

The IJIS TA Team completed a brief document review prior to the site visit. During the site visit in San Juan, Puerto Rico, additional material became available and the IJIS TA Team interacted with key stakeholders for four days of presentations and question and answer sessions. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico had asked the IJIS Institute to review the current state of

¹ The Puerto Rico Criminal Justice Information System Services agency is referred to as SIJC (Sistema de Informacion de Justicia Criminal)

² The statewide integration effort spearheaded by SIJC and other Puerto Rico criminal justice and public safety stakeholders is referred to as CJIS.

integration and provide recommendations on moving towards its vision of an integrated justice enterprise. The IJIS TA Team visited Puerto Rico for a short duration and this document presents the results of the study.

Observations and Recommendations Overview

The SIJC and the other justice agencies have already begun work on various aspects of data sharing. The work that has been conducted by the SIJC has been identified. However, a substantial amount of work still needs to be done in this area.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has embarked on an effort to provide the citizens of Puerto Rico with improved security and protection. The objective of the project is to achieve the rapid exchange of accurate and complete information within the Commonwealth and to municipal, state and federal agencies. The recommendations are classified into organizational and technical categories.

A copy of the TA report can be found on the IJIS Institute website at www.ijis.org.

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