



Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission Criminal Justice Records Improvement Project Review and Assessment

Client Agency

Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission
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Dates Services Provided

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Overview of Technology Assistance Request

The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission (VI LEPC) requested the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to provide technical assistance for the purpose of assisting the VI LEPC in reviewing its Criminal Justice Records Improvement Project (CJRIP) and provide:

- ◆ An unbiased review and assessment of the current technological environment;
- ◆ Recommendations for feasible approaches to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the computing environment; and
- ◆ Recommendations for enhancing further information sharing and data exchanges.

The response to the VI LEPC's technical assistance request, documented in this report, reflects a joint effort by two BJA technical assistance projects: the Technology Assistance Project conducted by the IJIS Institute and the BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Project (NTTAP) conducted by the Justice Programs Office, School of Public Affairs, American University. The IJIS Institute and the NTTAP Project at American University have established relationships for providing short-term technical assistance services to justice agencies: the IJIS Institute in the area of Technology Assistance to justice, public safety, and law enforcement agencies, and the NTTAP in the area of general justice system agency operations.



Representatives from both projects conferred with VI LEPC staff to plan the focus and scope of the technical assistance to be provided and the agenda for the site schedule.

Type of Technology Assistance Services Provided

Specific activities performed by the TA Team include:

Business Environment:

- Develop a high-level understanding of the business applications operational in the CJRIP environment.
- Review current and future strategic planning efforts for criminal justice information sharing.
- Conduct an overview of the organization’s governance approach, activities, and operational policies.
- Review plans to define the information exchanges and functional requirements.

Technical Issues:

- Review current technology environment (i.e., hardware and software technology/systems being used by VI LEPC).
- Develop a better understanding of current plans for upgrading and enhancing existing hardware and software.
- Review and assess system security procedures now in place.
- Conduct a high-level discussion of technology standards and best practices (i.e., GJXDM, IEPD, SOA, Web Services, and other technology being used in the field of criminal justice information sharing)
- Review a preliminary desired or “to-be” technology environment.

Overview of Observations and Recommendations

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

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