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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Washington, DC 20531

DATE

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Dear [TRIBAL LEADER],

I am writing to announce that the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is conducting new versions of the Census of Tribal Court Systems (CTCS) and Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies (CTLEA). These collections have been developed in response to The Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), which mandates that BJS establish and implement a tribal data collection system and report the data and findings to Congress annually in accordance with the act (P.L. 111-211, 124 Stat. 2258, § 251(b)).

The information collected will help tribes and the courts and law enforcement agencies that support them address public safety challenges, as well as provide empirical data to support resource and program planning by tribes. For more information on past collections, visit https://bjs.ojp.gov/topics/tribal-crime-and-justice/tribal-courts and https://bjs.ojp.gov/topics/tribal-crime-and-justice/tribal-law-enforcement

To make sure your tribe's justice agencies are included, please complete the Tribal Justice Agency Verification Form **[FORM LINK]** by **DATE**. Please use your unique code to access this page: **[SIX DIGIT ALPHANUMERIC PIN]**

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under Title 34 United States Code Section 10132. By law, BJS will use the information you provide only for statistical or research purposes and must protect the confidentiality of information identifiable to a private person against unauthorized disclosure or misuse. [Title 34 U.S.C. Sections 10134 and 10231] Any person who violates these provisions may be punished by a fine up to $10,000, in addition to any other penalties imposed by law. Per the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Steven W. Perry, BJS Tribal Justice Statistics Program Manager, at 202-307-0777 or Steven.W.Perry@usdoj.gov.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this important data collection effort.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Scott, PhD
Acting Director