

Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) Funding Announcement

for WIJIS Justice Gateway Project

Funds Available From:
Homeland Security – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)
Interoperability and Data Sharing
-and-
Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI)

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Applications must be submitted through the OJA *Egrants* on-line grants management system. Please contact Donna Lewein at 608-264-7656 or Darcey Varese at 608-266-9653 for further information.

Introduction

The **Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing** program (WIJIS) is statutorily responsible for promoting and coordinating automated information systems that are compatible among, and available to, local, county, and state justice agencies. Administered by the Office of Justice Assistance, WIJIS is developing policies and technical standards for a statewide integrated justice system that will allow agencies to electronically share and transfer data currently stored in local systems.

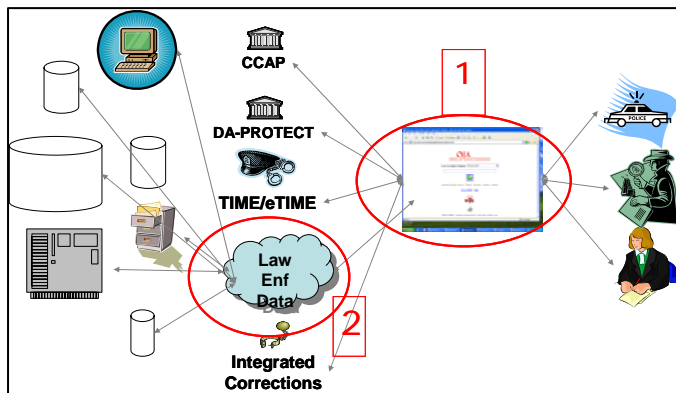
The Justice Gateway is an important component of this integrated system. Its objective is to improve public safety and domestic preparedness by providing authorized users with a single secure point of access to read-only information collected and stored in disparate agency databases throughout the state. The technology and network architecture that support the Gateway were successfully piloted in five different geographic areas of the state¹.

Background

Wisconsin has become a national leader in justice systems integration, based on several highly successful projects:

- An online statewide courts case management system (CCAP)
- An online statewide prosecution case management system (PROTECT)
- A law enforcement messaging switch that is migrating to new technology (TIME and eTIME)
- Automated data workflow between these systems to ensure timely and accurate case processing.

The Justice Gateway seeks to fill two important gaps in the ability to share information for investigative and case processing purposes. First, the Gateway project seeks to provide a secure, single point of access for searching these critical justice information resources (point #1 in the graphic at right). And secondly,



the Gateway needs to provide users with access to more information, in as close to real-time as possible (point #2). Specifically, criminal justice users have spoken of the need for access to the wealth of information in law enforcement records that is not included in the Crime Information Bureau hot files or consolidated criminal history.

¹ The five regional information-sharing pilot projects included La Crosse County, Madison PD, Kenosha Joint Services, Fox Comm and Stevens Point PD. These five sites were also integrated with the DA-PROTECT system.

Recommendations for Round Two Grant Funding

In December 2005 OJA solicited "Pre-Grant Readiness Assessments" from local law enforcement agencies across the state. The pre-grant application was intended as means of gauging interest in Gateway participation, and helping WIJIS staff plan for a phased roll-out, expanding the number of local law enforcement agencies who are data providers.

WIJIS received 29 pre-grant applications. Most of these applications would connect the Gateway to data from multiple agencies, so the 29 applications represent nearly 140 law enforcement agencies. Combined with the agencies that MTG-Management Consultants interviewed as part of its Technical Readiness Assessment of agencies in the UASI planning area (Milwaukee and Waukesha counties), WIJIS now has a pool of 35 potential applicants.

Criteria

WIJIS established three basic criteria to assist in developing the phased plan for implementation:

- Population served
- Existing local/regional information-sharing partnerships
- The apparent capacity and capability of the local information technology staff and of the vendor

Additional consideration was given to:

- Agencies that plan to implement the eReferral project, submitting referrals for charging directly to the DAs' PROTECT system;
- Communities that include "critical infrastructure" as determined by Homeland Security;
- Grouping similar technological solutions within the same implementation round;
- Achieving implementations across the major vendor installations in Wisconsin
- Achieving complete geographic coverage across the State; and
- Staging agencies from the same general region in the same stage, so that the WIJIS staff and production team can work with groups of agencies on whether to build a regional information-sharing capacity as part of the Gateway implementation.

As a result of this analysis, WIJIS recommends five distinct rounds of funding distribution for agencies that either submitted a pre-grant application or participated in the UASI Readiness Assessment in summer 2005. Round One of the local Gateway implementation involved five pilot agencies. Rounds Two through Five will implement Gateway connectivity following the implementation guides and technical specifications published by WIJIS.

Funding

WIJIS has limited funds, available through the Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and the Urban Areas Security Initiative, to defray local agencies' costs of complying with these standards and participating in the

Gateway as both a data provider and a consumer of the Justice Gateway Search application.

The intent of these awards is to build upon previous or current investments in your agency's records management systems, and provide the necessary funding to connect to the Justice Gateway, according to published WIJIS standards and guidelines.

To assist you in determining your needs, applicants should carefully review the Business and Technical Implementation Guides and any other documentation provided by OJA-WIJIS, and prepare a budget and timeline for accomplishing a Gateway connection to their local system(s) and include this information in the project narrative and budget detail section of the application. Costs must be reasonable, and directly related to a Gateway connection project. Allowable costs may include:

- Contractual or consulting services for programming and implementation
- Server or other necessary hardware to stage connectivity to the State's Justice Service Bus
- Software necessary to achieve the Gateway connection
- Overtime for existing staff, dedicated to the Gateway project

The grant **cannot** fund existing staff, or supplant any other locally-budgeted expenditures.

How to Apply

OJA is launching its new *Enterprise Grants Management System (Egrants)* concurrently with the WIJIS Justice Gateway Project. *Egrants* provides a simple and unified process for all Wisconsin State agencies to find, apply for, and manage grants on-line. **Applications for the WIJIS Justice Gateway Project must be submitted on-line by using *Egrants*.**

- **Round Two:** This round focuses on the agencies that appear most ready to implement a web service solution, agencies in the UASI area, and the timing for certain agencies as some have timelines that significantly favor early implementation.

Agency	Population Served	Existing Partnership	IT Capacity	Other Considerations
Bayside		✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UASI area • Favorable timing • Ready to implement as part of RMS
Sun Prairie	✓	✓✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favorable timing • Ready to implement as part of RMS
Sauk County	✓	✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready to implement eReferral • Critical infrastructure
Wauwatosa	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In UASI area
Milwaukee PD	✓✓✓		✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UASI • Critical to the value of the entire Gateway • Timing may push this into Round 4
Racine County	✓✓	✓✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical infrastructure • Geographic coverage (Kenosha County was in Round 1) • System is "not web-based"

Time Frame for Round Two:

Invited to Apply on March 10th, 2006

Application Due by April 14th, 2006 (must be completed on-line at the OJA Egrants site)

Grant awards – April 2006

Technical Work – May-June 2006

Testing & Certification – July-August 2006

- **Round Three:** This round represents a unique opportunity to do some planning across a large –and strategic– region of the state. Three were nine (9) separate pre-grant applications submitted from the northwest corner of the state. Stretching from the I-94 corridor to the Twin Cities to Lake Superior, this represents an area that is growing in importance. Putting all of these applicants into a distinct round would allow WIJIS staff and production team to work with them as a group, and try to identify a two-tier solution that solves regional information sharing needs, and provides a coherent, efficient connection to the State.

Agency	Population Served	Existing Partnership	IT Capacity	Other Considerations
Barron County		✓✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong local partnership • Commitment to eReferral • Key Vendor (SMART) • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Bayfield County	✓	✓✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Burnett County		✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Chippewa County			✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Chippewa Falls PD		✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy • Key vendor community (CIS)
Clear Lake				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Eau Claire PD	✓	✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
Merrill PD		✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a vendor community (Vision) • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy
St. Croix County	✓	✓✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy • Strategic location (Twin Cities corridor)
Washburn County		✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for NW WI regional strategy

Time Frame for Round Three:

Regional Information-Sharing Planning – April 2006

Invited to Apply – May 2006

Grant awards – June 2006

Technical Work – July-September 2006

Testing & Certification – October-December 2006

- **Round Four** focuses on achieving geographic coverage, and implementation across the spectrum of major vendor installations in Wisconsin. So, this round includes a single agency representative from some of the key vendors that were not part of the pilot or Round Two implementation. Again, timing is a consideration. For some agencies, mid-2006 is the preferred time frame.

Agency	Population Served	Existing Partnership	IT Capacity	Other Considerations
Dodgeville PD	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key vendor (FORS)
Grafton/Cedarburg	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional coverage (Lake Michigan corridor)
Manitowoc	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key vendor (New World on .NET) Regional coverage (Lake Michigan corridor)
Milwaukee County	✓✓✓		✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing depends on local RMS project JIL connectivity will be done (TRO/Warrant projects) UASI area
Monroe County			✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional coverage –adjacent to pilot site (La Crosse)
Sheboygan PD	✓	✓✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to new vendor community (Paragon) Regional coverage (Lake MI corridor)
Waukesha County	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UASI area Strong local information-sharing Key vendor (Spillman)
Waukesha PD	✓✓			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UASI Area
West Allis	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In UASI area Expand implementation with vendor (Phoenix)
West Bend PD	✓		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UASI Area Need to formalize county-wide information sharing

Timeframe for Round Four:

Invited to Apply – July 2006
Grant awards – August-September 2006
Technical Work – September-November 2006
Testing & Certification – December 2006-February 2007

- Round Five** will involve implementing Gateway connectivity to all agencies represented by the major vendors in Wisconsin (e.g. Vision, FORS, New World, Spillman). This round will also include agencies that will require more customization to achieve a Gateway connection. Many of these will be FTP, rather than web service solutions. Putting them in Round Five allows WIJIS staff to work in more depth with them on planning their installation, so that the actual implementation process can move smoothly.

Agency	Population Served	Existing Partnership	IT Capacity	Other Considerations
Grant County		✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional coverage (with Iowa Co) Complete vendor community (FSG)
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Dickeyville PD				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for a very small agency solution that could apply to others without an RMS Regional solution (with Grant & Iowa Counties)
Lake Mills PD			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a vendor community (FORS)
New Berlin PD	✓			<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Remaining FORS partners on Dodgeville application			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a vendor community (FORS)
UW-Milwaukee				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should partner with Mil PD or Sheriff
Waterloo PD			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a vendor community (FORS)
Waushara County			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be part of Stevens Point project Would complete vendor community (Paragon)

Timeframe for Round Five:

Invited to Apply – August 2007
Grant awards – September 2007
Technical Work – October-January 2007
Testing & Certification – January-March 2007 (overlap intended, to accommodate holiday schedules)