**FOR The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice Victims of Crime Sub-committee**

OTIS SUMMARY - 2014

The Division of Parole & Probation’s computer database is called the ***Offender Tracking Information System*** or “OTIS” for short. OTIS was developed in the late 1990’s and uses a Usoft platform and Oracle database as its foundation. OTIS records all aspects of offender management for probationers, parolees, conditionally released inmates and lifetime supervision sex offenders. It also documents the Division’s work in the area of Presentence Investigations, Post-Conviction Reports and Pardons Investigations.

OTIS records all financial transactions with offenders supervised by the Division. Built on the Oracle database, the accounting system is highly accurate in maintaining comprehensive records of payments and balances due in each category. The system was designed to protect victim confidentiality and to assist officers in monitoring offender restitution payments. The Division also handles restitution deposits from inmates. NDOC is unable to process and pay out restitution received from inmates in their custody. NDOC sends inmate payments on restitution to the Division, and we handle those deposits and the payouts to victims.

While state-of-the-art in 1998, the system has aged and has limited functionality with modern systems. OTIS is now essentially unsupported by the software company, and has a very limited capability to adapt, interface or integrate with web based applications or the multiple criminal justice applications being used by the Division of Parole and Probation as well as all other agencies that interface with the Division.

During the past three years, options have been considered and plans developed for the replacement of both the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) and OTIS during the next three to five years. OTIS is a component of the NCJIS system, and the information in our database is required in order to operate other essential functions of NCJIS, including the Dangerous Offender Notification System (DONS), Sex Offender Registration and Personnel functions for the Division. The State of Nevada will be considering funding to replace both NCJIS and OTIS in the next legislative session.

In addressing the critical need to modernize the OTIS application, the Division and State of Nevada have an opportunity to transition to an offender management system that is nimble, modern and web-based, with added functionality which will enable evolution to meet future needs, as well as allowing access to the secured system via desktop, laptop, tablets and mobile-smart phone technologies.

Employees at NDOC and Parole & Probation presently have access to review data in both computer systems as needed. However integration of OTIS and the NDOC system during the proposed modernization process would facilitate improved information sharing and would significantly reduce redundant data entry transactions.

In moving forward with OTIS modernization our primary business objectives are to eliminate the risk of partial or total failure of the active OTIS system and our historical data storage, to maintain offender information access and data recording capability, to improve secured system access using currently available and future technologies, to interface or integrate with other networks, database systems and web based applications, to enable active – real time data sharing with corrections, judicial and public safety agencies and entities, and to continue to provide uninterrupted, 24/7 public safety information and officer safety notifications.

Support by the Victims of Crime Sub Committee and Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice for modernization of the NCJIS system and OTIS database will be of great value in our request to improve OTIS capabilities, integration and long term service to all stakeholders.

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