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SUBJECT: Activation of New Data Release Capability in the ODP
On-Line Data Collection Tool

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is pleased to announce the activation of a new data release capability in the ODP On-Line Data Collection Tool. This capability is being provided in direct response to feedback from the states indicating a need for an interim capability to update needs assessment and state strategy data in support of planning efforts at the state and local level.

The attached fact sheet provides information on how to access and make use of this new capability, and describes additional, pending enhancements. For technical assistance with any of the On-Line Data Collection Tool modules, you may contact the OJP toll-free help line at: 1-888-549-9901. You may also contact your ODP State and Local Program Management Division program manager for additional information and assistance.

Attachment

ODP On-Line Data Collection Tool Data Release Process

1. States may now request that ODP release their needs assessment and state strategy submission data for interim updates. Interim updates are not required by ODP, and this capability is being provided only to assist states with their planning requirements.
2. To request that needs assessment and state strategy submission data be released, the state administrative agency (SAA) must log on and go into the SAA handbook. Once in the SAA handbook, the SAA will need to click on the "Request to Reopen" link in the Introduction section. This will send an email message to ODP with a request to release the submission back to the state. (Note: The "Request to Reopen" link will not be visible if the submission is already released for edits.)
3. The system will send an email message to the SAA when ODP releases the submission back to the state. (Note: When the data is released, a copy of the original submission is made so that any revisions to the data do not overwrite the original approved data.)
4. Once the data is released, the SAA has the ability to reopen the submission for each of the jurisdictions, add new jurisdictions or delete any existing jurisdictions. Additionally, the SAA may update any data that has been submitted, add new data or delete data.
5. Once all the changes have been made, the SAA should "resubmit" the data to ODP. (Note: ODP will not formally review or approve the new submission.)
Additionally:
 - * Before a state can resubmit, the usual completeness checks will apply, including the requirement that all defined jurisdictions should have submitted their data to the state.
 - * States have the option of submitting a revised domestic preparedness strategy document or re-attaching the older document with the new submission. A document **MUST** be attached for the submission to be made successfully.
6. In the first release of this new capability, states will not be able to see the original submission data once changes have been made. However, the original data IS saved in the Tool database. A data warehousing capability is being developed that will eventually allow states to view the original, approved submission, or any of the re-submissions. The capability to run queries using the Data Analysis Tool on each data set is also being developed. These additional capabilities will be available by the end of July.
7. A state can request that ODP release their data multiple times.