



Vigo County Sheriff's Office

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VIA EMAIL

Mike Jackson
320 First Street, N.W., Room 5002
Washington, DC 20534

Re: Request for National Institute of Corrections Needs Assessment

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am the Sheriff of Vigo County, Indiana. I understand the Commissioners of Vigo County have requested a needs assessment with the assistance of the National Institute of Corrections. I further understand this would include a jail evaluation, study of the criminal justice system, and assistance with the requirements for a new detention facility for Vigo County.

We are requesting guidance with respect to the following:

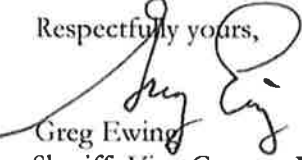
- * Full facility assessment of the current county jail, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and staffing analysis;
- * An assessment of the effectiveness of local efforts to reduce the jail population;
- * An assessment of the current trends and projections for the Vigo County Jail inmate population;
- * An assessment of inmate population relative to existing and proposed alternatives to incarceration (Vigo County does have a IDOC approved work release facility, electronic monitoring through Vigo County Community Corrections, a Drug Court, Veterans Court, and Adult Mental Health Court);
- * An analysis of the inmate medical and mental health needs and requisite bed capacity;
- * Assistance in the formation of a criminal justice advisory committee who will be engaged in monitoring and trying to reduce local jail population.
- * Assistance in the development of best practices to achieve the goals stated above.

You may contact me as the primary individual for information and access. We very much need technical assistance and a justice system assessment from the NIC as we go forward with addressing urgent needs in our current facility. This jail is the subject of two pending suits and the

overcrowding situation here has a longstanding history with no reason to expect the crisis will abate in the near term.

I may be reached via email at greg.ewing@vigocounty.in.gov and at 812-462-3226, ext. 7301.

Respectfully yours,



Greg Ewing
Sheriff, Vigo County, Indiana