

Questions and Answers

FY 2016 Continuation of the Federal Justice Statistics Program

Q. The solicitation references an “OBTS.” What is an OBTS? How can I access additional information about the OBTS?

A. Offender-Based Transaction Statistics, or OBTS, refers to a system that expands data linking beyond the dyad link files. The overall goals of the OBTS are to build (1) a data resource that links agency-level records to form a complete case record and (2) a data resource that links these case-level records to form a person-level criminal career record. The FJSP work in previous years has investigated the production of these resources and has developed some early-stage prototypes that have not been fully investigated. The successful applicant will be provided with all of the internal OBTS materials developed to date and will be given the opportunity to build on this work or propose and develop new data-processing techniques for achieving the OBTS goals.