

2019 Law Enforcement Core Statistics (LECS) Program Questions and Answers

QUESTION: “Task 3: 2022 CSLLEA, Item c. OMB clearance” includes the development of a generic clearance package for “cognitive testing and frame development,” but “Item a. Instrumentation” does not mention cognitive testing or include a related deliverable. Additionally, “Item b. Universe/frame development” does not ask for direct outreach/data collection from agencies. Should the recipient of funds budget for and carry out cognitive testing and frame outreach? Or is BJS asking only for assistance with a generic OMB clearance request?

ANSWER: There was an error in the wording under “Task 3: 2022 CSLLEA, Item c. OMB clearance.” The sentence should have been, “These materials **may** include a generic clearance for cognitive testing and frame development” (see page 12). The CSLLEA may require a generic OMB clearance depending on the methods outlined by the applicant for Items a. and b. For example, with “Item a. Instrumentation,” any proposed substantive changes to the instrument would require cognitive testing.

The primary deliverable for “Item b. Universe/frame development” is a complete frame. To deliver a complete frame, the recipient of funds will need to “outline alternative sources and methods to update the 2018 CSLLEA agency list” (see pages 11-12). The applicant could propose using direct outreach to law enforcement agencies, which would require a generic clearance.