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OKLeX Phase 1—Computer Systems

OKLeX Phase 2—Law Enforcement Information Portal

OKLeX Phase 3—More Specialized Interfaces



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OKLeX—What is it?

OKLeX is an acronym for the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Information Exchange project. This project is an initiative between numerous state agencies and the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. The OSBI is acting as a facilitator in providing management resources for this project.

OKLeX is a three-phase project. You may remember last year police departments and sheriff's offices were surveyed about their computer systems, expertise and

networks. The first phase of OKLeX is a result of the survey. In return for answering the survey, 240 law enforcement agencies will receive a new computer system designed to help them share information with other law enforcement agencies across the state and nation.

Phase 2 of OKLeX is to provide a portal that connects various law enforcement agencies in the state to an index. This index is updated periodically to permit local law enforcement

agencies to search for people of interest or sites of interest from one specific location on the Internet—rather than going to multiple Internet sites.

Phase 3 of OKLeX is to identify information that may require more specialized interfaces to be created. Phase 3 of OKLeX has no funding but is being discussed with the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security for future consideration.

OKLeX—Logo Update

You will notice the logo for the OKLeX project has changed. We have dropped the text "Like Google" for Cops". This was done on the advice of some legal minds. So, please forget that OKLeX is

intended to operate that way. Basically the user will input a name or address and search the OKLeX system. If any positive hits are found, the user will either be able to select them for

further investigation or contact the agency provided for additional information.





OKLeX—Current Status

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<p>Last year all law enforcement agencies were sent a survey. Two hundred and forty agencies, both sheriffs’ offices and police departments responded to the survey. Those surveys were compiled to understand types of</p>	<p>computer equipment and training needed for OKLeX. Several groups were established to help understand what types of information will be important for local law enforcement agencies to receive from state</p>	<p>and federal offices in a information sharing initiative. Three main groups were created to help identify and resolve issues with OKLeX. The roles and the names of these groups are listed below.</p>
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1. OKLeX Governing Board--oversees direction and decisions for the OKLeX.

Ed Evans – Acting Director, Department of Corrections
 Chief Jim Hughes – Oklahoma Association Chiefs of Police
 DeWade Langley – Director OSBI
 Ken McNair – Director Oklahoma Sheriff’s Association
 Kevin Ward – Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

2. OKLeX Users Group--helped develop the users’ agreement and establish the needs for law enforcement in information sharing.

Sheriff Harvey Burkhart – Carter County Sheriff’s Office
 Officer Tim Farlow – Broken Arrow Police Department
 Lela Fox – Broken Arrow Police Department
 Sheriff Kiernan McMullen – Grady County Sheriff’s Office
 Sheriff Tom Shafer – Major County Sheriff’s Office
 Chief Robert Tippett – Perry Police Department

3. OKLeX State Agency Providers--agencies targeted for providing information. OKLeX providers may be added or dropped based upon signing agreements, and project completion dates for individual agencies. Multiple contacts are being used as resources at each state agency provider.

Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Law Enforcement Commission (ABLE Commission)
 Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBN)
 Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)
 Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC)
 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (DAC)
 Oklahoma Indigent Defense System (OIDS)
 Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OHS)
 Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board (PPB)
 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI)
 Oklahoma State Fire Marshall

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OKLeX—Moving Forward

Two contracts will be developed and awarded to support OKLeX. The first is an ITB (Invitation to Bid) developed and released to the Department of Central services in August. It is our understanding the release of this ITB will occur this week (WE 10-29-05).

Once the vendor has been selected, we expect it will take approximately

60-90 days to start distributing computer systems to individual law enforcement agencies.

A second document will be developed as a RFP (Request for Proposal). This document will outline the requirements for the development of a web portal index server.

This project is designed to work with a number of agencies across the state.

Some federal departments have offered to provide information. Coordination of information needed, agreements for local law enforcement agency usage of the equipment and information have been developed. State agency usage, security policies, usage and interfaces are currently being developed.

Thanks to all local, state and federal agencies involved in providing solutions for law enforcement in Oklahoma!

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