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for

Iowa Integrated Justice (IIJ)

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PROJECT: IOWA INTEGRATED JUSTICE (IIJ)
(formerly named Criminal Justice Information System, CJIS)

FY27 TRF FUNDS: $1,400,000

STATUS OF PROJECT: Ongoing Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Iowa Integrated Justice (IIJ) is a centralized, seamless data sharing system that moves secure messages between Iowa's local, county, and state agencies in real time. IIJ was created as "CJIS" in 2007 out of a need for various state computer systems to be able to communicate with one another.

The goal of Iowa Integrated Justice (IIJ) is for data to be entered only once, and then shared automatically with other agencies that need the same data. IIJ increases efficiency and improves public safety.

IIJ has received national awards for excellence and has helped make Iowa a **national leader in criminal justice information sharing**. IIJ has become a part of Iowa's daily critical infrastructure, and it continues to grow as more exchanges are developed. IIJ requires steady maintenance and updates. As state agencies replace and update legacy computer systems, IIJ must also update the exchanges moving in and out of those systems.

In 2025, IIJ migrated from hardware to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI), eliminating expensive hardware replacements, onerous licensing structure, and occasional network outages. This move allowed IIJ to save money while also modernizing its technology, demonstrated by greater system performance, agility, and stability.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND COMPLIANCE:

Iowa Code 8.98(1) authorizes DOM to maintain IIJ for automated data sharing among the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and local agencies.

More broadly, IIJ supports statewide compliance with Iowa Code and federal law:

- **criminal history reporting, Iowa Code 692.2** – by delivering court dispositions from the Courts to DPS to keep the CCH records complete;
- **voter disqualification, Iowa Code 48A.6** – by delivering new felon data from the Courts to the Secretary of State;
- **presentence investigations, Iowa Code 901.2, 901.3** – by delivering requests for PSI from Courts to DOC; and by delivering completed PSI reports from DOC to the Court;

- **protective order service, Iowa Code 236.5** – by delivering protective orders to DPS for entry in the IOWA system and subsequent service by sheriff's offices;
- **victim notification, Iowa Code 915.52** – by delivering protective order data from the Courts to the AG's Office for victim notifications;
- **sex offender addresses, Iowa Code 692A** – by delivering sex offender address updates between DPS and DOC to assist both agencies in maintaining up-to-date records;
- **driver license suspensions, Iowa Code 321.210** – by delivering traffic conviction data from Courts to DOT; and
- **firearms background checks, Iowa Code 724.31A** – by delivering mental health disqualifier orders from Courts to DPS, which then sends the data to the FBI for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check system database (NICS) (18 U.S.C. § 922).

WHO WE SERVE:

All 99 counties receive a benefit from IIJ. The system has grown to include data exchanges between **10 state-level agencies** including:

1. Iowa Judicial Branch
2. Iowa Department of Management (DOM)
3. Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC)
4. Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)
5. Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
6. Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
7. Iowa Secretary of State
8. Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
9. Office of the Iowa Attorney General (AG)
10. Iowa State Public Defender (SPD)

IIJ serves **27 County Conservation agencies**, **81 County Attorney offices**, as well as **nearly every law enforcement agency in the state**, including:

- The Iowa State Patrol
- 99 county sheriffs
- 257 local city police departments, 3 university police departments, 3 railway police units, one airport police unit, the Meskwaki Nation police department, the Iowa State Fair police, and Veterans Affairs police.

IIJ serves these officers by delivering **30,000 traffic citations** and **17,000 criminal complaints** from law enforcement agencies to courts and county attorneys **every month**. Further, IIJ sends citation and complaint dispositions back to the originating law enforcement agencies for officer training purposes.

10 State Agencies

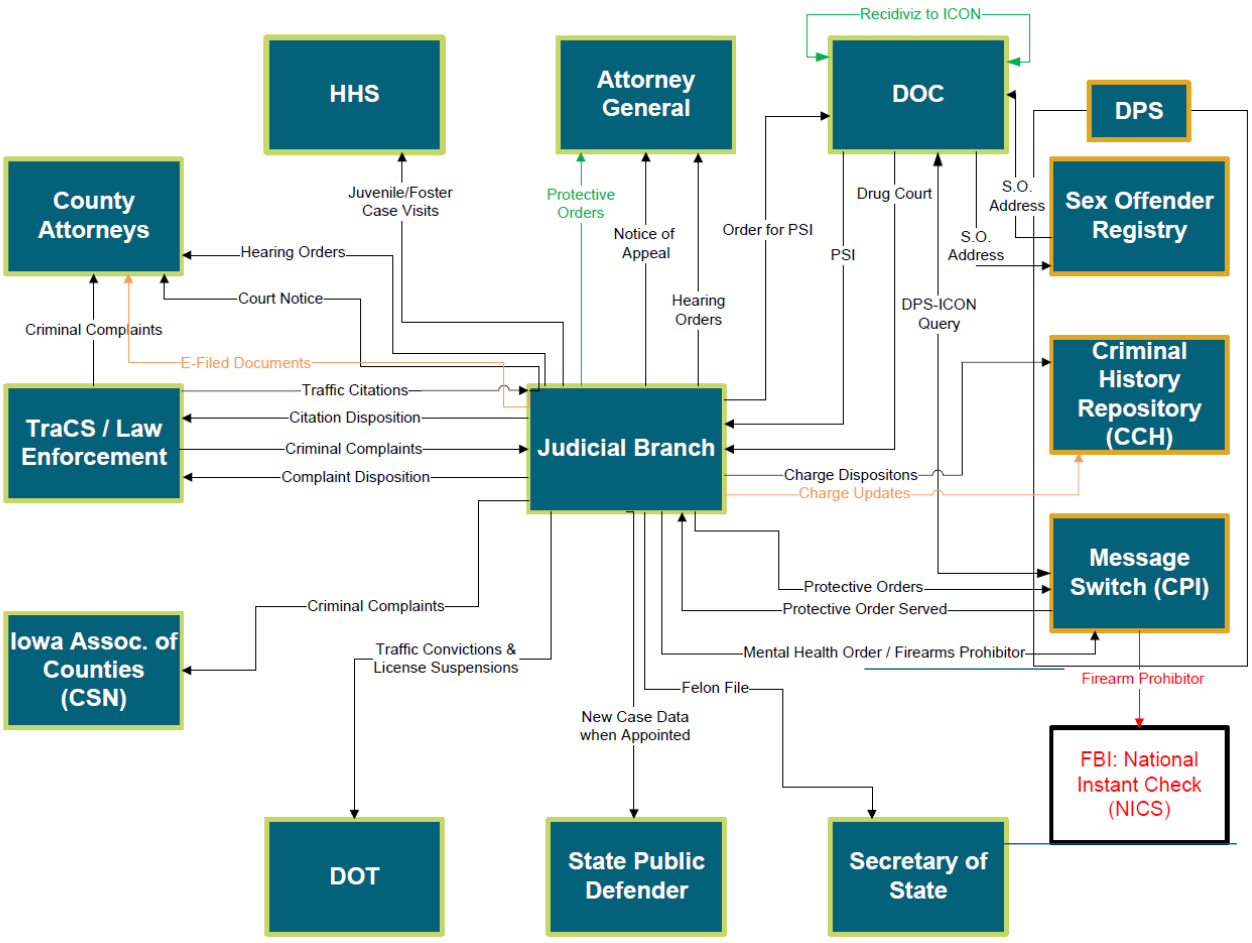
267 Police Departments

81 County Attorneys

99 County Sheriffs

PROGRESS OF WORK:

IIJ is represented by the lines in the diagram below. The Judicial Branch is either a sending or receiving agency in 21 of the 26 data exchanges that IIJ currently maintains. IIJ is the secure bridge connecting the Judicial and Executive Branches to improve the services these agencies provide to Iowans. Lines shown in green are exchanges that are currently still in development. Lines shown in orange are proposed exchanges still under review by the Judicial Branch.



Development pace this year was slower than usual, as the Judicial Branch has been focused on priorities within its own systems and has had limited capacity for new IIJ development. Even so, the team made steady progress: work continued on a new exchange delivering community-based corrections data from DOC's Recidiviz application to the ICON offender management system, and on Phase Two of the Protective Order to Attorney General's Office exchange, part of which is already in production and notifying crime victims through the AG's VINE system. The team also began requirements gathering on two newly proposed exchanges, shown in orange on the diagram above: delivering e-filed court documents directly to county attorneys' case management systems, and sending charge updates to DPS's Computerized Criminal History. The e-filed documents exchange, in particular, is expected to have an outsized impact once developed, eliminating a significant source of manual document-handling across county attorney offices statewide.

IIJ builds exchanges that provide **efficiency and expediency** to Iowa agencies, such as:

- Delivering Hearing Orders from the Courts directly to the calendars of **County Attorneys** in 81 counties
- Delivering Notices and Case Information from the Courts directly to **Public Defenders** who have been appointed on a case
- Delivering Case Outcomes (Dispositions) from the **Courts to DPS** so that DPS can keep its Computerized Criminal History complete and current

IIJ also builds and maintains exchanges that are **critical to the safety of Iowans**, such as:

- Immediately delivering signed Protective Orders from the Courts to **DPS**
- Sending Protective Order Updates (e.g. service, modifications, expirations) from the Courts to the **AG's Office** for notification to victims
- Returning instant information from **DPS, DOC, and the FBI** about a person/suspect, including a photograph, when an officer runs a query
- Sending mental health orders and other firearms prohibitors from the Courts to **DPS**, where DPS in turn sends that information to the **FBI** as part of its National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

The chart below displays the 26 data exchanges that IIJ developed and continues to maintain, as well as the volume of each of those exchanges for **one month** (specifically, August 2026):

Iowa Integrated Justice – August 2026 Exchange Volume

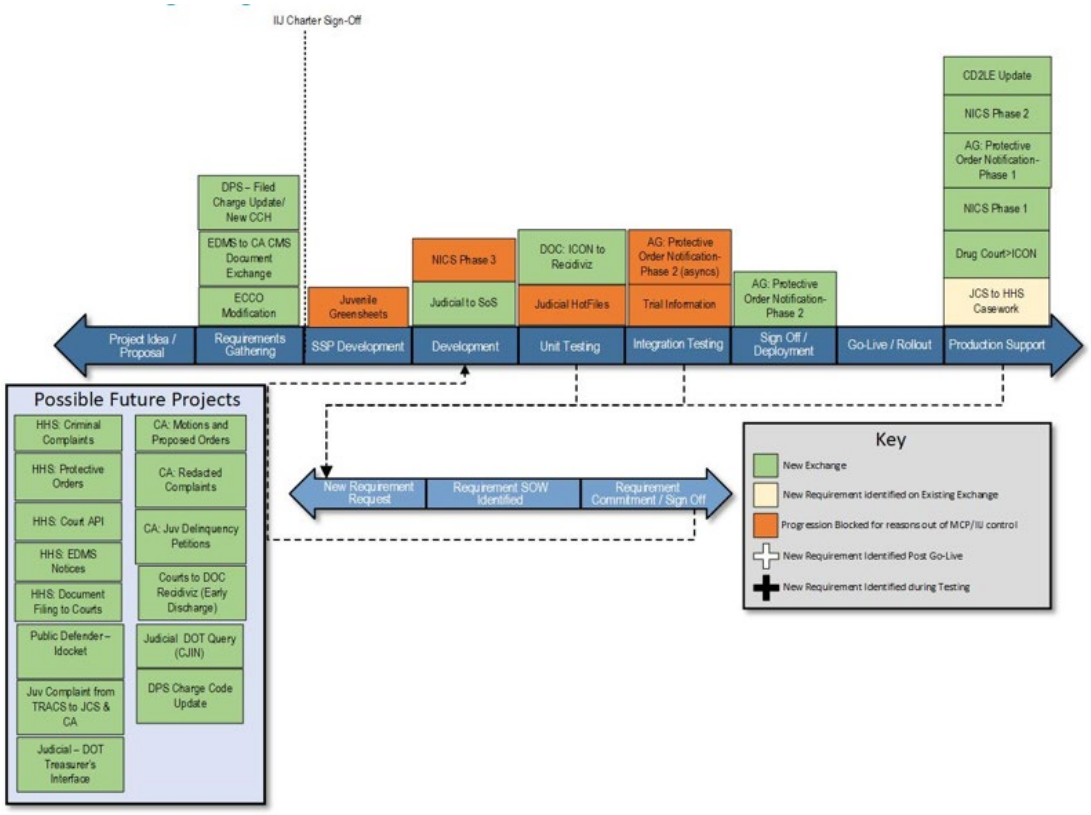
Exchange	Agencies	Volume
AG Notice of Appeal	Courts → AG	196
AG Hearing Order	Courts → AG	≈15
AG Protective Order	Courts → AG	1,194
CA Hearing Order	Courts → County Attorneys	165,788
CA Court Notice	Courts → County Attorneys	8,888
CA Charge Code	IIJ → County Attorneys	19
CSN Criminal Complaints	Courts → CSN	14,967
DOC Adult Drug Court	Courts → DOC	2,324
DOC Order for PSI	Courts → DOC	701
DOC PSI Return	DOC → Courts	665
DOT Traffic Convictions	Courts → DOT	44,968
DPS Disposition Matching	Courts → DPS	29,201
DPS NICS	Courts → DPS	273
DPS Protective Order	Courts → DPS	4,853

Exchange	Agencies	Volume
DPS-DOC Offender Query	DPS → DOC → DPS	772,355
HHS Juvenile Casework	JCS → Courts	376
IIJ Charge Code Updates	IIJ → Multiple	1,037
Polk Co Court Dispo	Courts → Polk County IT	10,289
Public Defender Ct Notice	Courts → Public Defender	5,703
SOS Felon File	Courts → Secretary of State	892
Sex Offender 1	DOC → DPS	63,489
Sex Offender 2	DPS → DOC	6,004
Sheriff Hearing Order	Courts → Polk Co Sheriff	27,700
TraCS ECCO Citations	TraCS → Courts	30,061
TraCS Criminal Complaints	TraCS → Courts and/or CA	17,286
TraCS Citation Dispo	Courts → TraCS / LE	79,364

Total **Monthly** IIJ Volume:

1,260,893	data messages sent
+ 1,134,928	data responses returned
2,395,821	**secure data exchanges**

IIJ is not a static system. In addition to our 26 active exchanges, we have two in active development, and more on the list for future development. The following chart shows the IIJ Development Timeline as of October 2026.



FUNDING HISTORY:

REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE PROJECT:

The only current recurring source of funding for IIJ is state appropriation.

In 2020 and 2021, IIJ was awarded Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) totaling $412,779, to support the development of a specific exchange regarding Iowa inmates.

Revenue sources at the inception of the project around 2003-2007 included the National Governor's Association (NGA) Grants, Byrne Grants, Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) Grants, Return on Investment (ROI) Funds, Homeland Security Funds, Local Government Innovation Funds, Agency Operating Funds, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds.

COST OF THE PROJECT:

Project planning began in 2001, and the total estimated cost of project development (from all sources of funds) through FY2027 was expected to be $28,400,000. Total expenditures for the project from 2001 through the end of fiscal year 2026 have been $25,475,215.

Below are actual expenditures for FY23 – FY26, and estimated expenditures for FY27:

Category	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Est. FY27
Reimbursements to DAS and ICN	$3,676	$2,211	$6,701	$200	$300
IT Outside Services	$1,150,053	$1,146,535	$1,166,529	$1,261,999	$1,270,870
Software, Licenses, and Hardware	$205,602	$223,180	$238,083	$83,923	$163,007
Exchange Endpoint Support	$34,845	$72,800	$141,073	$0	$24,000
TOTAL	**$1,394,267**	**$1,444,726**	**$1,552,386**	**$1,346,122**	**$1,458,177**