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In March 2005 the VPT Workgroup and vendor reached agreement on the application's functional requirements. Metatomix is incorporating modifications into the existing application dashboard to meet the needs of law enforcement. Originally a "Persons Search" dashboard, the system will be modified to query People, Vehicles, Property and Incidents, as well as associations with each. The application will also provide a user interface to compare identities, and consolidate records across many sources.

Site preparation work is underway with each pilot agency to determine their database structures and schemas. This information will be used to develop the queries and specific data connectors required for each site. As each module is developed (People, Vehicles, Property, and Incidents) and the network established, we will initiate testing of the various components. Pilot agency personnel will assist with testing the application. During the pilot the number of users will be minimized as testing and performance measurements are observed. Additional agencies and users will be added after the initial test period.

Three parallel tasks will be performed throughout the pilot phase:

1. Establish network connectivity to the pilot agencies
2. Develop site-specific data connectors
3. Complete modifications to the application

In April, evaluation software was installed and tested to gain access to the PALMS data on the Sheriff's Office mainframe. Subsequently, the tcAccess software was acquired for ongoing use.

At the request of FDLE a Memorandum of Understanding was put in place between ISS and the Sheriff's Office to represent VPT for Criminal History access. Based on network connectivity and agency data query accessibility, the Sheriff's Office, Boca Raton, and Palm Beach Gardens will be the first agencies connected and tested. Operational procedures and policies are being drafted.

In June, the decision was made to relocate the VPT Pilot Project server over to the Sheriff's Office based on FDLE and the CJIS Security Policy requirements. Technical staff from the PBSO, ISS and Metatomix worked diligently to complete the relocation and start testing data exchange between the agencies. This move enables us to avoid additional network costs by leveraging existing connectivity from PBSO to the participant agencies. This will also streamline our access to the data at the state agencies since the Sheriff's Office already has agreements with FDLE, DHSMV and DC in place.

In April, many agencies received a letter from Marsha Ewing and Sheriff Don Hunter regarding the CJJIS Council formation of the Law Enforcement Connectivity Workgroup. This workgroup will recommend a connectivity solution to FDLE to provide the best methodology and associated technology for connecting the Regional Domestic Security data integration projects. The VPT Project is designed to position the County for local multi-jurisdictional law enforcement information sharing, as well as aligning with the standards necessary to cooperate with other regional, state and federal endeavors. Because of the value-added approach and technology set for the VPT Project, in June the CJJIS Workgroup requested a presentation on the VPT project. Other regional, state and federal initiatives also presented.

(Pilot Overview Attachment)