

The VPT Steering Committee approved the ISS recommended approach to the VPT Pilot Project on November 10, 2004 . The Criminal Justice Commission subsequently endorsed the pilot project the following week, identifying additional grant funding for the project. A vendor was identified that had previously been selected via a state procurement process done by the Office of State Court Administrators ( OSCA ). OSCA 's initiative parallels the VPT project, obtaining pertinent court information from multiple state and county systems. VPT will leverage the work already accomplished for the criminal justice initiative. The PBC Board of County Commissioners approved the acquisition of the Metatomix solution at their November 16 meeting.

The objective of the Pilot Project, beyond putting a law enforcement data sharing infrastructure in place, is to provide the ability to perform a single query against multiple databases. This critical functionality was identified as the top priority by the Patrol and Investigator/Detective Workgroups. The Pilot Project is a proof of concept and will initially allow connectivity to the following pilot agencies:

- City of Boca Raton
- City of Delray Beach
- City of West Palm Beach
- City of Palm Beach Gardens
- Town of Juno Beach
- Sheriff's Office

Select RMS data will be accessed, along with data available from the following state systems:

- Department of Corrections
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

A Kick-off meeting was held for the VPT Project on December 9, 2004 . The VPT Pilot Project will be completed over the next eight months and has two executable tracks. The first track will focus on modifications to the existing “dashboard” user interface. We have convened a Product Design Workgroup to work through January to finalize the logical design specifications. Members of this workgroup include:

- Bill Burton, City of West Palm Beach
- Cindy Cevallos, City of Boca Raton
- Skip Kohl, Sheriff's Office
- Carlos Leon, City of Palm Beach Gardens
- Ed Smith, City of Delray Beach
- Charles Stevens, City of Lake Worth
- Tom Whatley, City of Delray Beach

The results of this workgroup's efforts will be reviewed with the vendor to reach a final functional specification. Once this is complete then vendor modifications to the software will commence.

The second track has been initiated to complete site preparation work. This includes:

- Establishing a host environment for the pilot (hardware, software, etc.).
- Extending network connectivity to the pilot agencies.
- Consulting with the agencies on connectivity requirements.
- Installing data connectors to the source data.

We're moving forward quickly so stop back frequently for updates to the website.

### **Special Thanks:**

Thanks to Chief Clay Walker from the Town of Manalapan who stepped in as the interim VPT Steering Committee Chairman during Chief Clark's absence. Chief Walker's enthusiastic leadership assisted us with moving forward during a critical period of the project. Thank you, Chief Walker, for a job well done! We look forward to your continued involvement.

Welcome back Chief Clark! Chief Clark has just returned from the FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement and will be guiding and supporting our pilot project implementation as the VPT Steering Committee Chairman.