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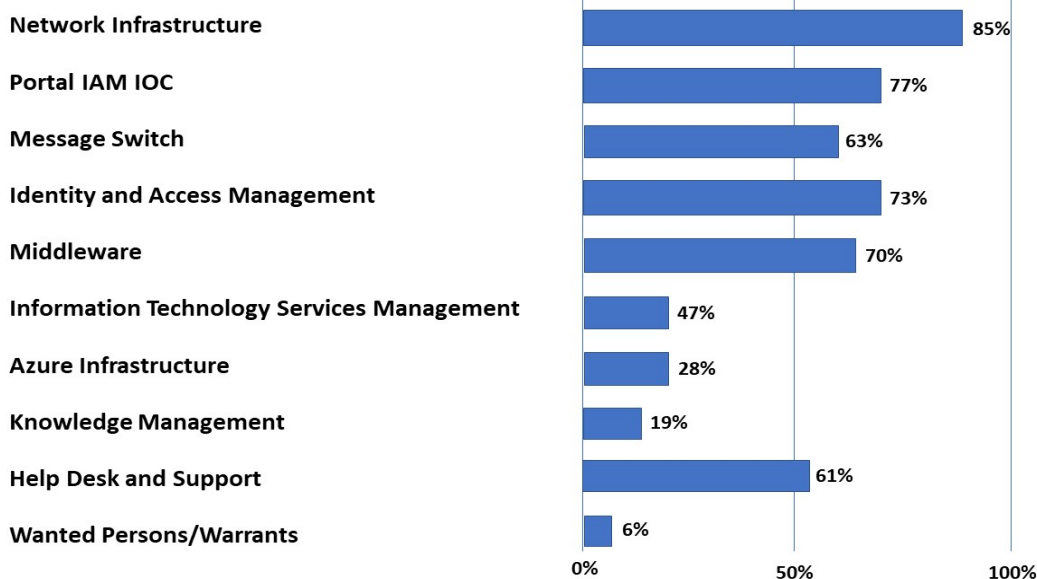
Here are a few words from Mindy McKay, Executive Sponsor and Administrator of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS's) Records, Communications and Compliance Division (RCCD):

"It is my pleasure to provide an important update on budget activities impacting the NCJIS Modernization Program. I'm happy to report that our request for continued funding has been fully supported by DPS leadership and the governor's Finance Office. The last step is for the legislature to approve our budget, and so far, so good. The legislative session ends on May 31, so we will know what the final outcome of our budget request is on or before then. I am also pleased with the progress being made on all efforts within the NCJIS Modernization Program. Everyone has worked very hard to get here, and we are enjoying the fruits of their labor. I look forward to their ongoing efforts and successes! Go team!"

Program Overview



The **NCJIS Modernization Program** is in full swing, with great progress on bringing the State of Nevada new automated solutions. Here is the status of project rollouts as of March 2021.





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Change Management



Stakeholder Outreach

The Change Manager has been reaching out to our criminal justice stakeholders that have a foreign host connection. It is time to start discussing an upgrade with your vendor to the new industry standard National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) XML.

Criminal justice agencies that currently only connect by web interface but would like to have a foreign host connection should inform the [NCJIS Modernization Change Manager](#).

Other Achievements and Information

- NCJIS online testing is now live using the nexTEST platform. It has been well received, with 96 percent of survey results for quality and usability being “very good” or higher. Please be sure to take the 3-minute survey after completing your test to help us improve further.
- 240 representatives from a cross section of criminal justice and civil stakeholder agencies are signed up as change ambassadors for their respective organizations to help facilitate the coming changes. It is not too late to sign up and be more closely informed of changes. Sign up as a change ambassador [here](#).
- 70 criminal justice agencies have been personally contacted regarding foreign host connections and next steps.

Upcoming Events

The Change Manager will conduct additional change ambassador meetings to prepare for the coming client input survey. Invitations are being sent with a choice of three meeting times:

April 16, 2021 – 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 19, 2021 – 09:00 to 09:30 a.m.

April 21, 2021 – 09:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Invitations will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided by each change ambassador.

The NCJIS Modernization Change Manager will provide pertinent information on the modernization progress relative to Nevada’s law enforcement communities at the upcoming Nevada Sheriffs’ and Chiefs’ meeting May 2021 and again in July 2021.

Questions and Answers

Here are some questions and answers that came out of meetings with our criminal justice stakeholders that might be of interest:

Question: Will there be any change to the LiveScan interface?

Answer: There will be no changes or disruption to this interface.

Question: What operating system versions are too old to access the new NCCIS portal?

Answer: Operating systems (OSs) that are supported and updated by the vendor and can run the latest version of the most common browsers are acceptable. The important point is that OS patches must be kept up to date, and the browser must be the most current version.



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Question: When will the System Upgrade Design Specifications be ready?

Answer: The specifications will be ready in 30 to 60 days. Access to these specifications will be granted from a secure location on Teams by invitation. If you have a foreign host connection and we have not yet contacted your agency, please contact the [Change Manager](#).

Question: Do we still need our VPN to access the Portal?

Answer: Yes, for all criminal justice use, users will log in to the NCCIS portal from their network connected to SilverNet (some through the VPN). Some agencies are directly connected to SilverNet and do not currently have a VPN; these agencies will remain connected as they are today and will be able to access NCCIS through their network.

Question: Is there funding available to help cover the cost of this needed upgrade?

Answer: RCCD has cooperated with the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA), supporting its effort to apply to the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) for grant assistance toward the cost of the upgrade or to set up new a foreign host connection to the new system. The application was submitted on April 1, 2021, and included 14 letters of support from a range of criminal justice agencies from across the great State of Nevada. We will not know the results of this application until October 2021.

Question: Is the entire system still going to be referred to as NCJIS and only the portal being referred to as NCCIS, or is the entire system being renamed to NCCIS?

Answer: The entire solution is referred to as NCCIS, although the modernization effort is still called the NCJIS Modernization.

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The NCJIS Program Team's top priority is to provide constant communication and gain important feedback from our valued stakeholders.

Visit the new NCJIS Modernization web page, where you will find:

[Contact Information](#)

[Copies of Presentations](#)

[Newsletters](#)

[Links to Documents](#)

[Links to Surveys](#)

<https://rccd.nv.gov/Services/NCJISMod/>

With great appreciation from the NCJIS program management team.

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