

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
AUTHORIZED AGENCY**

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA") and the [NAME OF AGENCY] ("Agency").

**Recitals**

Under Minn. Stat. § 471.59, the BCA and the Agency are empowered to engage in those agreements that are necessary to exercise their powers. Under Minn. Stat. § 299C.46 the BCA must provide a criminal justice data communications network to benefit authorized agencies in Minnesota. The Agency is authorized by law to utilize the criminal justice data communications network pursuant to the terms set out in this agreement. In addition, BCA either maintains repositories of data or has access to repositories of data that benefit authorized agencies in performing their duties. Agency wants to access these data in support of its official duties.

The purpose of this Agreement is to create a method by which the Agency has access to those systems and tools for which it has eligibility, and to memorialize the requirements to obtain access and the limitations on the access.

**Agreement**

**1 Term of Agreement**

- 1.1 Effective date:** This Agreement is effective on the date the BCA obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subdivision 2.
- 1.2 Expiration date:** This Agreement expires five years from the date it is effective.

**2 Agreement between the Parties**

**2.1 General access.** BCA agrees to provide Agency with access to the Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) and those systems and tools which the Agency is authorized by law to access via the CJDN for the purposes outlined in Minn. Stat. § 299C.46.

**2.2 Methods of access.**

The BCA offers three (3) methods of access to its systems and tools. The methods of access are:

**A. Direct access** occurs when individual users at the Agency use Agency's equipment to access the BCA's systems and tools. This is generally accomplished by an individual user entering a query into one of BCA's systems or tools.

**B. Indirect access** occurs when individual users at the Agency go to another Agency to obtain data and information from BCA's systems and tools. This method of access generally results in the Agency with indirect access obtaining the needed data and information in a physical format like a paper report.

**C. Computer-to-computer system interface** occurs when Agency's computer exchanges data and information with BCA's computer systems and tools using an interface. Without limitation, interface types include: state message switch, web services, enterprise service bus and message queuing.

For purposes of this Agreement, Agency employees or contractors may use any of these methods to use BCA's systems and tools as described in this Agreement. Agency will select a method of access and can change the methodology following the process in Clause 2.10.

**2.3 Federal systems access.** In addition, pursuant to 28 CFR §20.30-38 and Minn. Stat. §299C.58, BCA may provide Agency with access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Crime Information Center.

keep a transaction record sufficient to satisfy FBI-CJIS requirements and permit the audits described in Clause 7 to occur.

If an Agency accesses data from the Driver and Vehicle Services Division in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and keeps a copy of the data, Agency must have a transaction record of all subsequent access to the data that are kept by the Agency. The transaction record must include the individual user who requested access, and the date, time and content of the request. The transaction record must also include the date, time and content of the response along with the destination to which the data were sent. The transaction record must be maintained for a minimum of six (6) years from the date the transaction occurred and must be made available to the BCA within one (1) business day of the BCA's request.

**2.12 Court information access.** Certain BCA systems and tools that include access to and/or submission of Court Records may only be utilized by the Agency if the Agency completes the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment, which upon execution will be incorporated into this Agreement by reference. These BCA systems and tools are identified in the written request made by Agency under Clause 2.6 above. The Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment provides important additional terms, including but not limited to privacy (see Clause 8.2, below), fees (see Clause 3 below), and transaction records or logs, that govern Agency's access to and/or submission of the Court Records delivered through the BCA systems and tools.

**2.13 Vendor personnel screening.** The BCA will conduct all vendor personnel screening on behalf of Agency as is required by the FBI CJIS Security Policy. The BCA will maintain records of the federal, fingerprint-based background check on each vendor employee as well as records of the completion of the security awareness training that may be relied on by the Agency.

### 3 Payment

The Agency currently accesses the criminal justice data communications network described in Minn. Stat. §299C.46. [INSERT PAYMENT TERMS].

If Agency chooses to execute the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment referred to in Clause 2.12 in order to access and/or submit Court Records via BCA's systems, additional fees, if any, are addressed in that amendment.

### 4 Authorized Representatives

The BCA's Authorized Representative is Dana Gotz, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Justice Information Services, 1430 Maryland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106, 651-793-1007, or her successor.

The Agency's Authorized Representative is [NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER], or his/her successor.

### 5 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete

**5.1 Assignment.** Neither party may assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement.

**5.2 Amendments.** Any amendment to this Agreement, except those described in Clauses 2.6 and 2.7 above must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been signed and approved by the same parties who signed and approved the original agreement, their successors in office, or another individual duly authorized.

**5.3 Waiver.** If either party fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the right to enforce it.

**5.4 Contract Complete.** This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the BCA and the Agency. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

### 6 Liability

Each party will be responsible for its own acts and behavior and the results thereof and shall not be responsible or liable for the other party's actions and consequences of those actions. The Minnesota Torts Claims Act, Minn. Stat. § 3.736 and other applicable laws govern the BCA's liability. The Minnesota Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minn. Stat.

must determine if and when an involved Individual User's access to systems or tools is to be temporarily or permanently eliminated. The decision to suspend or terminate access may be made as soon as alleged violation is discovered, after notice of an alleged violation is received, or after an investigation has occurred. Agency must report the status of the Individual User's access to BCA without delay. BCA reserves the right to make a different determination concerning an Individual User's access to systems or tools than that made by Agency and BCA's determination controls.

**9.2.2** If BCA determines that Agency has jeopardized the integrity of the systems or tools covered in this Clause 9.2, BCA may temporarily stop providing some or all the systems or tools under this Agreement until the failure is remedied to the BCA's satisfaction. If Agency's failure is continuing or repeated, Clause 11.1 does not apply and BCA may terminate this Agreement immediately.

### **9.3 Sanctions Involving Only Court Data Services**

The following provisions apply to those systems and tools covered by the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment, if it has been signed by Agency. As part of the agreement between the Court and the BCA for the delivery of the systems and tools that are covered by the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment, BCA is required to suspend or terminate access to or use of the systems and tools either on its own initiative or when directed by the Court. The decision to suspend or terminate access may be made as soon as an alleged violation is discovered, after notice of an alleged violation is received, or after an investigation has occurred. The decision to suspend or terminate may also be made based on a request from the Authorized Representative of Agency. The agreement further provides that only the Court has the authority to reinstate access and use.

**9.3.1** Agency understands that if it has signed the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment and if Agency's Individual Users violate the provisions of that Amendment, access and use will be suspended by BCA or Court. Agency also understands that reinstatement is only at the direction of the Court.

**9.3.2** Agency further agrees that if Agency believes that one or more of its Individual Users have violated the terms of the Amendment, it will notify BCA and Court so that an investigation as described in Clause 9.1 may occur.

## **10 Venue**

Venue for all legal proceedings involving this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## **11 Termination**

**11.1 Termination.** The BCA or the Agency may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party's Authorized Representative.

**11.2 Termination for Insufficient Funding.** Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written notice to the other party's authorized representative. The Agency is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the BCA will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. Neither party will be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. Notice of the lack of funding must be provided within a reasonable time of the affected party receiving that notice.

## **12 Continuing obligations**

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Agreement: 6. Liability; 7. Audits; 8. Government Data Practices; 9. Investigation of alleged violations; sanctions; and 10. Venue.