



LEDS 20/20 – Stakeholder Engagement Project Update



April 5, 2021

TO: All Licensed Oregon Firearm Dealers

In late December 2019 a message was sent to notify Oregon firearm dealers that the Oregon State Police (OSP) was entering into a project to replace the current Firearms Instant Check System (FICS) application, including the external web-page portal, used to conduct dealer-requested background checks for firearm transfers within the state of Oregon.

Background

This application replacement is part of a larger project where OSP is also replacing the over 20-year-old state criminal justice record repository infrastructure; known as the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and the project name is “LEDS 20/20”. LEDS contains criminal justice records and provides restricted access to other state and federal systems required to conduct firearm transfer background checks in Oregon. The firearms application replacement portion of the project takes place under Phase 4.1.

LEDS 20/20 Phase 4.1 Gun Check Processing (Background Checks) Project Update:

- SCHEDULE CHANGE: Due to an earlier project phase needing to extend its schedule, the Firearm Application Replacement Phase 4.1 schedule in turn was revised:
 - Phase Initiation - October 2019
 - UPDATED Phase Closure – June 2022
- Activities since the Initiation of this Phase:
 - Some dealers were contacted to seek their participation in a Pilot of the new system and/or User Acceptance Testing
 - A survey was sent to all dealers seeking their input for system design improvements or enhancements for consideration.
 - Two surveys were sent to all dealers to alert as well as seek input regarding any dealers using their own software to submit background check requests in lieu of using OSP’s software directly. *It is critical that dealers are aware of the potential for significant impact on services if no action is taken to prepare.*

*****NOTICE: NEW WEBSITE ESTABLISHED FOR PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATION*****

OSP has set up a page on the OSP website specifically for gun dealers to learn more about this replacement project. <https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/cjis/Pages/Firearms-Instant-Check-System.aspx>. As progress is made the webpage will be updated to include:

- General information about the Upcoming FICS Replacement project and Dealer Portal
- Project schedule and activity updates
- Sneak-Peak at screen shots as the system as they are being designed
- FAQ
- Information regarding how to provide feedback and ideas
- **Critical information about potential impacts to dealers that use their own or a third-party software to submit background check requests to OSP.**
- Webinars for dealer education and awareness.



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URGENT DEALER ACTION NEEDED FOR DEALERS THAT use an application to access the OSP FICS Background Check System that is not provided by OSP. When the new system is in place and you do not take action to contact OSP regarding this matter, your business will be significantly impacted as the connection will have changed. To address this concern and minimize impact to these particular customers early in the process, all dealers that may use an application to interface with OSP are strongly encouraged to attend webinar session #1 in May 2021.

- **Webinar 1 (Wednesday 05/12/2021 11:00am-12:00pm PT)** will be technical in nature and will focus on how Gun Dealers can electronically submit “transactions” to OSP via the new API.
LOCATION: This session will be held virtually.

[INFORMATION FOR HOW TO ATTEND WILL BE FORTHCOMING. PLEASE CHECK THE OSP WEBPAGE FOR UPDATES]

- **Webinar 2 (Wednesday 09/22/2021 11:00am-12:30pm PT)** will focus on the general features and functions of the new Gun Dealer Portal from a user’s perspective. In addition, it will provide the ability for Gun Dealers to ask questions.
LOCATION: This session will be held virtually.

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Additional information will be available as the project progresses. However, if you have questions or would like more information at any time please contact the Oregon State Police at:

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