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Dear Fellow Laboratory Director:

The ASCLD Board of Directors is encouraging you to participate in the new Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories (CPFFCL) from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (or BJS), the principal statistical agency of the Department of Justice. BJS, working with RTI International (RTI), is conducting the CPFFCL survey to provide valuable information regarding the workloads, staffing, and resources available among the nation's crime labs during 2024.

Your response to the 2024 CPFFCL is critical to making the results nationally representative, understanding current resource needs and emerging issues, and assessing trends since the CPFFCL was last conducted in 2020. For information about the previous surveys conducted in 2002, 2005, 2009, 2014, and 2020, please see BJS's CPFFCL webpage at <https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/census-publicly-funded-forensic-crime-laboratories-cpffcl>.

The CPFFCL includes a wide range of questions and data elements that focus on our community and directly supports the ASCLD mission of disseminating important forensic based information, improving information-sharing among crime laboratory directors, and promoting the highest standards of practice in the field. We know that you and your staff have many responsibilities and limited time, but we hope that you will provide the requested information and contribute to this survey.

Your participation is needed to ensure that the survey is a success and that the results are comprehensive.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important effort.

Sincerely,

Scott Ford
ASCLD President