



American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators Inc.

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Dear fellow medicolegal death investigators,

On behalf of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI), I am writing to encourage you to participate in the attached 2023 Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices (CMEC). The ABMDI strongly supports this effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Working with RTI International (RTI), the CMEC is being sent to every medical examiner and coroner office in the United States with the goal of generating statistics that will develop a detailed understanding of the medicolegal death investigation system in the United States. The information gathered will help address training, staffing, and jurisdictional coverage needs. **The ABMDI is hoping that you will participate in this important survey effort.**

The information produced by the CMEC will provide valuable data regarding staffing, budget, and caseload information that will be comparable to the most recent CMEC administration, which referenced 2018. For example, the previous CMEC found that the estimated total annual budget across all medical examiner and coroner offices in the United States was \$1.5B, and the average budget per office ranged from \$60,000 to over \$1.8M, depending on office size and type. For more information about the previous CMEC's survey results that referenced 2018, please see: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/census-medical-examiner-and-coroner-mec-offices>.

Your response to the 2023 CMEC is critical to obtain national estimates of personnel and resources, as well as more information about policies and the overall infrastructure of our community. As a census, the responses of your office cannot be replaced or replicated. The CMEC is the only systematic survey effort of its kind to focus on our community. It directly supports the ABMDI's mission to promote the highest standards of practice for medicolegal death investigators.

We know that you and your staff have many responsibilities and limited time, but we hope that your office will provide the requested information and contribute to this important effort. Your participation will help ensure that the 2023 CMEC is a success and that the results can be used with confidence by the federal government and by the medicolegal death investigation community.

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

Sincerely,

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