



# The Sex Offender Registry Tool

The Sex Offender Registry Tool (SORT) is a sex offender management application provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) to assist the states in implementing Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) registry system requirements. SORT, available to the states at no cost, was designed to make the sex offender registry system setup and maintenance process as efficient and effective as possible.

## PURPOSE OF SORT

The SORT application serves a dual purpose: it functions as the state-level administrative registry system and provides local registration agencies with their own specialized public sex offender registry Web site. SORT accomplishes this by:

- Providing your state's local jurisdictions with access to a centralized sex offender management system, so the state's sex offender registry information is always up to date.
- Giving state registry personnel the ability to validate the information entered or modified before it is made available to the public.
- Enabling local jurisdictions to customize their public Web site's design by selecting from six available templates or by creating their own template.

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## SORT INFORMATION SHARING CAPABILITIES

The SORT application was designed to improve information sharing capabilities. This is accomplished in a number of ways, including:

- Providing electronic community notifications and automatic participation with the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW).
- Creating sex offender registration files that are compliant with the National Information Exchange Model to be shared between jurisdictions.
- Providing law enforcement with the ability to locate sex offender registration information by searching on any field or combination of fields, to assist them in their investigation.

SORT's source code is provided, so each state can modify or expand the application as needed, providing the potential for additional benefits as a resource in your state.

Ongoing technical assistance and support are not provided with SORT. Instead, it is the responsibility of the individual jurisdictions that elect to install and use SORT to maintain the system.

## GET STARTED USING SORT

To get your state started with the SORT application, send a request to the Institute for Intergovernmental Research® via e-mail to [AWA-Request@iir.com](mailto:AWA-Request@iir.com).