



EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

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New! Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Form—Version 3.0

The Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS) strives to provide enhancements and upgraded resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. AFMLS is pleased to release Version 3.0 of the annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form which will simplify and streamline the annual filing process. Version 3.0 becomes effective and will be available on the AFMLS public website Thursday, February 5, 2015. Older versions of the form will no longer be accepted. Any new or amended submissions must be on Version 3.0. Email submissions of prior form versions will be rejected with a notification to resubmit using Version 3.0.

Some significant changes to the form are highlighted below:

- The expenditure categories on Version 3.0 align with the Interim Guidance on the Use of Funds section in the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Enforcement Agencies*.
- ONLY expenditures not qualifying under any listed category should be reported in the “Other” category. Expenditures reported in the “Other” category may be subject to additional review.
- The external auditor contact information is no longer collected. This information will be obtained from agencies as needed.
- The affidavit no longer needs to be submitted separately. The submitter will instead certify that the Agency and Governing Body heads reviewed, approved, and signed the form.

Although an actual signature is no longer required to be separately submitted to AFMLS, agencies must still obtain approval from the Agency and Governing Body Heads. Agencies should establish their own internal policies and procedures for obtaining such signatures. The appropriate signatories are explained on page 4 of the Equitable Sharing Agreement form. Any questions regarding the appropriate signatories for these fields can be directed to afmls.aca@usdoj.gov.

Submission of the form constitutes submission for both the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Programs. Any questions regarding the new form or the revised submission process may be directed to the ACA representative for your agency’s state

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Websites

Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program
www.justice.gov/criminal/afmls/equitable-sharing/

Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture

www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/The-Executive-Office-for-Asset-Forfeiture.aspx