The ISCU utilizes state of the art technology and the following information management systems to manage and report offender information:

- Pretrial Real Time Information System Manager (PRISM)
- Supervision and Management Automated Record Tracking (SMART)
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
- Washington Area Law Enforcement System (WALES)
- District of Columbia Department of Corrections Jail and Community Corrections Information System (JACCS).

Our goal is to provide excellent customer service and outstanding sample collection services throughout the nations capital.
The Illegal Substance Collection Unit (ISCU) is a major component of the Agency’s continuing efforts aimed at early detection of offenders who are using illegal substances. The quality performance of ISCU is essential to CSOSA achieving its goal of increasing public safety through a reduction in recidivism.

ISCU, Branch VI, Team 35 A-D consists of a Branch Chief, four Drug Testing Operations Managers, and approximately 40 Drug Testing Technicians.

The mission of the Illegal Substance Collection Unit is to contribute to improved public safety by ensuring integrity in the initial and ongoing phases of the drug testing process.

There are four ISCU locations throughout the District of Columbia:

**300 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 2001**
Phone: (202) 585-7220

**3850 South Capitol Street, SE Suite 201**
Phone: (202) 442-1736

**1230 Taylor Street, NW Suite 112**
Phone: (202) 442-1735

**25 K Street, NE Suite 147**
Phone: (202) 442-1320

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**OVERVIEW**

**MANDATE**

- To ensure Drug Testing Technicians operate consistent with established drug testing protocols.
- To maintain strict adherence to CSS’s Chain of Custody Policy in the collection of samples.
- To maintain strict adherence to CSOSA’s Confidentiality Policy in the distribution of collection results.
- To transmit offender data for effective community supervision case management.
- To maintain monthly collection, inquiry, and test result for data assessment and interpretation.
- To testify at violation hearings on the agency’s quality control procedures.

**STATISTICAL DATA**

Each month ISCU collects an average of 30,000 urine samples for the nearly 15,000 offenders under criminal justice supervision in the District of Columbia.

*based on FY04 data

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**COLLECTION**

The ISCU utilizes state of the art equipment in its collection process our equipment includes:

- Digital Bar Code Readers
- Digital Bar Code Label Printers
- Camera Ready Photography
- Orbital Scanners
- Security Specimen Strips
- Oral Fluid Test Kits
- Temperature Controlled Secured Storage
- Secured Sample Storage