

## **Justice IT (Infrastructure) Funding**

### **Issue Description:**

Funding investments in Justice IT infrastructure that support voice and data communications can assist the economy in creating jobs and reducing inventories but also help to make America safer from the threats of gangs, guns, drugs and terrorist attacks by addressing the number one priority of the 911 Commission Report of sharing public safety and homeland security information. These efforts can, with the proper planning and the use of standards make significant progress toward finally overcoming the issue identified in the 9-1-1 Report of “why we can not share” and why we cannot connect the dots.

### **Recommended Tactics/Strategies for Addressing the Issue:**

A major concern is the potential that large expenditures on voice and data technology in short time frames can run the risk of creating more “silos” and hampering interoperability unless standards are used that are available now and have the endorsement of the field. The work of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Global Information Sharing Initiative (Global) in creating the National Data Model (NIEM) adopted by the Department Of Homeland Security (DHS), DOJ and the Program manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE) as well as other Global standards for identity and privilege management, privacy, security and other areas, if applied as a condition of expending these funds, will help ensure interoperability. By applying Global supported policy, practices, and technology solutions funding can help local economies and improve and streamline government services that are critical to public safety.

### **Available Resources:**

DOJ’s Global supported information sharing concepts, guidance, and deliverables have been leveraged and adopted by DHS, PM-ISE, DOJ and others for use at the local state, tribal, and federal levels of government. The existing Global Governance Process has also ensured the endorsement of over 30 of the countries leading criminal justice and government organizations and agencies. Please visit [www.it.ojp.gov](http://www.it.ojp.gov) to learn more about the resources, training and technical assistance that is available to support your community.

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