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## Keys to Unlocking Your IJIS Institute Membership Benefits

Every IJIS Institute Member and Affiliate is a valuable asset to the IJIS Institute. The relationship you build with the IJIS Institute will benefit not only your organization, but the local, state, tribal, and federal agencies and practitioners who reap the rewards from the many programs and services the IJIS Institute offers with the assistance of its member companies.

The IJIS Institute is committed to helping Members and Affiliates realize the many benefits of membership, and promote Member and Affiliate participation and accomplishments. When Members increase their participation at the IJIS Institute, they find it leads to greater industry experience, opportunity, and knowledge. Here are eight significant ways to experience the benefits of membership.



1. **Use the IJIS Institute Knowledge Management System (KMS).** The KMS contains a wealth of information, including working papers, reports, news, meeting minutes, and other materials. Information is updated frequently, so the site is constantly evolving. Make a regular and reoccurring appointment to read the information in the sections that interest you and your company. Share relevant information with your coworkers and colleagues. The weekly *IJIS Institute Digest* e-mail will also help keep you informed as to the activities of the IJIS Institute so you know where you can best apply your time and expertise.



2. **Communicate.** Read and share correspondence and communications from the IJIS Institute with your coworkers and colleagues to maximize membership benefit. *The Wormeli Report*, distributed annually to dues-paying Member companies, provides valuable insight into the markets your company needs to reach.



3. **Technology Assistance Program.** Participate in the IJIS Institute's Technology Assistance program. Lend your company's expertise to state and local governments that need information sharing support.\* Comprehensive lists of technology assistance opportunities and directions on how to participate are found in the IJIS Institute KMS under "Member Opportunities."



- 4. Technology Training Program.** Participate in IJIS Institute training courses, both as a student and as an instructor. Learn about information sharing standards, and provide your knowledge and experience to others.\* Training courses and program information can be found on the IJIS Institute web site ([www.ijis.org](http://www.ijis.org)). Comprehensive lists of trainer opportunities and directions on how to participate are found in the IJIS Institute KMS under “Member Opportunities.”



- 5. Committee Service.** Get involved on a committee! Committee participation allows member companies to contribute to projects and programs of national significance, as well as network with other companies and agencies.\* Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other government agencies and practitioner groups also participate in committee activities and the development of work products. The networking potential, as well as the potential to impact critical information sharing at national, state, tribal, and local levels, is realized through the work of the many IJIS Institute committees.



- 6. Attend the IJIS Institute Industry Briefings.** Twice a year the IJIS Institute hosts Industry Briefings, one in the winter and one in late summer. Members attend these briefings for the latest information from the DOJ, DHS, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and other federal agencies regarding the progress we are making collectively and collaboratively towards improving information sharing at the state, local, tribal, and federal levels. This venue also provides the chance to learn about new opportunities and build new and stronger business relationships.



- 7. Contribute.** Help us by providing articles of interest about IJIS Institute programs or projects, information sharing success stories, and case studies. Send us your press releases, articles, and case studies relating to the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM). Help us by contributing financially so that, together, we can further the mission of the IJIS Institute.



- 8. Strengthen the “Voice of Industry” by becoming a partner in promoting the IJIS Institute.** Every Member adds to the strength of the voice of industry that the IJIS Institute represents. Members can further help us continue to strengthen this voice by talking about the work of the Institute to clients and colleagues. Remember to display the IJIS Institute web badge on your website, and be sure to include language in your company press releases and announcements identifying your company as an IJIS Institute Member.

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\* The IJIS Institute is the venue for industry’s voice to be heard, Members and Affiliates alike. However, during any selection process for engagements at the Institute, preference is given to dues-paying Members over Affiliates.

Realize the Power of Information—Realize the Power of Membership

