

## SPRINGBOARD

### A Standards-Based Interoperability Program

#### Overview

*Providing a venue to engage industry as a foremost avenue in the advancement of national information sharing and interoperability standards for justice, public safety and homeland security...*

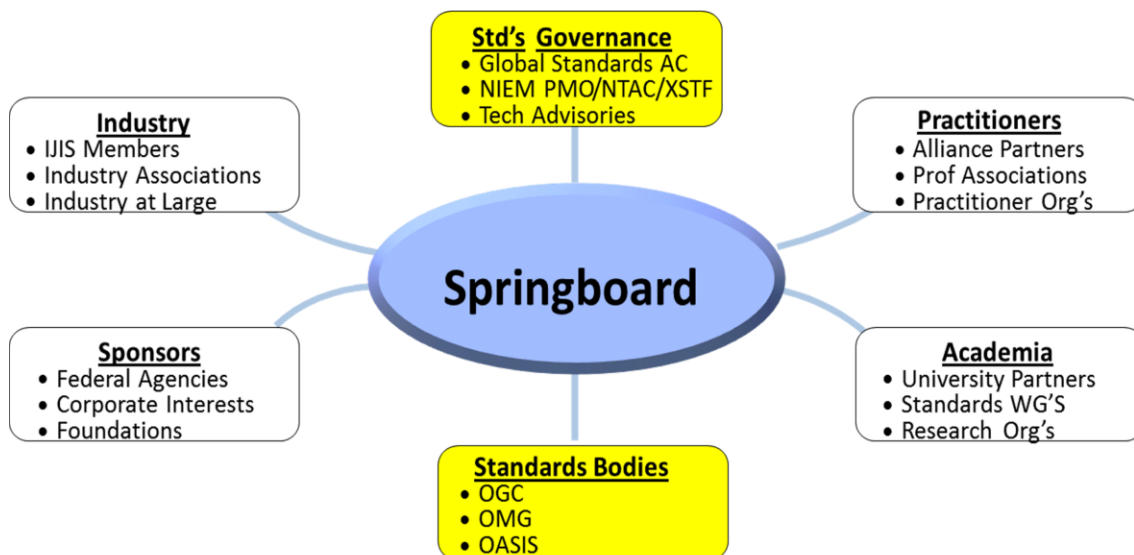
Springboard is a new IJIS Institute standards-based interoperability (SBI) program designed to help advance information sharing associated with the justice, public safety and homeland security operational environments. Through this program, the IJIS Institute will work with sponsor organizations to provide a shared resource venue to industry for the evaluation and testing of relevant information sharing and interoperability standards, to include:

- Evaluation of standards by industry through a consensus management process.
- Testing of standards in an “applied” implementation testing environment.
- Generation of engineering reports, reference implementations, and other best practice assets.
- “Certification” of products and implementations through a compliant conformance management process.
- Stewardship of standards and SBI work products through standards governance partnerships.

#### Function and Organization

The primary goal of Springboard is to accelerate information sharing for justice, public safety, and homeland security by engaging industry as part of an expansive stakeholder community in a consensus-based “open” standards implementation process. The potential impact of industry is compelling when considered in terms of accelerating the pace of standards adoption and use nationwide. Approximately 85 percent of the U.S. population is served by state, local, tribal and territorial agencies that are utilizing commercial software products and services to meet case and records management needs. These include both custom and off-the-shelf products and integration services and tools that support the information sharing and interoperability goals addressed by the national standards-based information sharing programs.

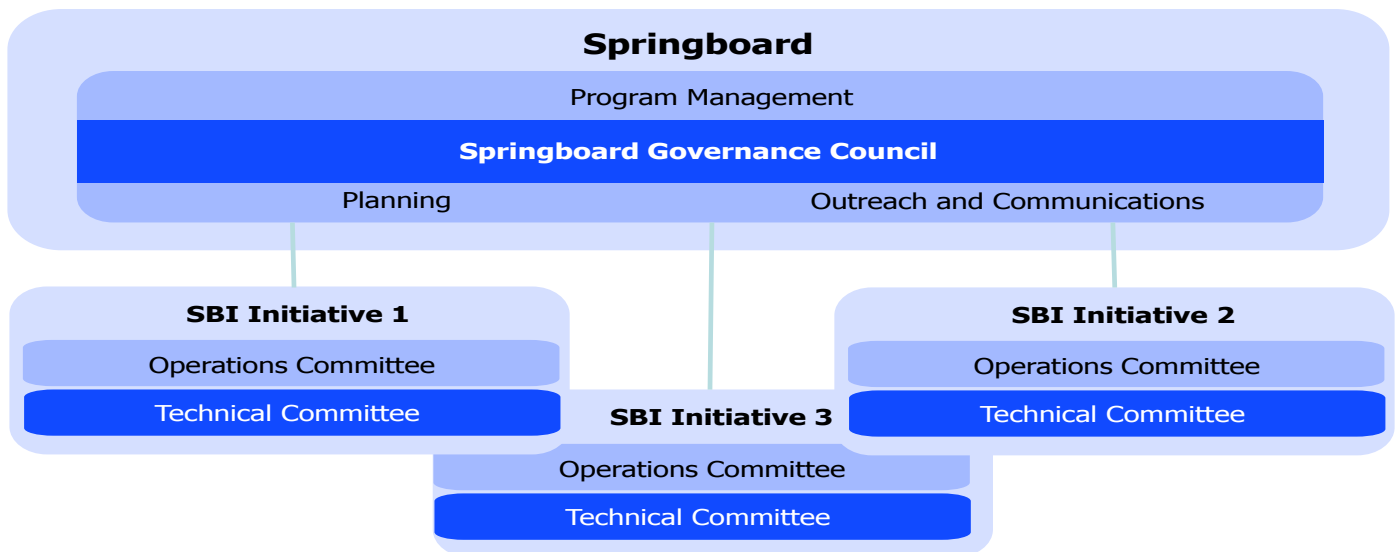
Key to the success of the Springboard mission will be in the ability to attract industry, government and stakeholder interests to these initiatives. To this end, the IJIS Institute endeavors to become the trusted agent that will effectively engage industry and government in the pursuit of high priority national information sharing and interoperability goals.



It is important to recognize, that the proposed scope of the Springboard program does NOT intend to create another Standards Development Organization (SDO). Rather, the intention is to create a cooperative that will work with a variety of stakeholder organizations, including SDO's, relevant government standards bodies, and de-facto standards groups as approved by recognized standards bodies, to create a governance structure and process whereby industry can work with relevant standards and leverage the technology assets developed by these organizations in pursuit of the Springboard mission. For this purpose, the Springboard program provides a capabilities framework that supports a three phased methodology and process for the evaluation, testing and certification of information sharing and interoperability standards.



To ensure comprehensive governance and management of the Springboard program, the IJIS Institute has designed an organization that includes a program governance level, as well as a project management level to address specific SBI initiatives.



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