



The IJIS Institute—Realize the Power of Information

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What is the IJIS Institute?

The IJIS Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to merging the resources of industry with the interests of government to improve the systems that provide critical information to justice, public safety, and homeland security professionals. The Institute offers a variety of programs that contribute to the implementation of information sharing to make our nation more safe and secure. The Institute brings together the expertise, knowledge, and experience of the information technology (IT) industry in a way that benefits the industry, the public sector, and our communities.

A Brief History of the IJIS Institute

In 1999, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Assistance (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) engaged members of the industry community who focused on justice information technology and sought their input on issues such as IT technical and functional standards that are employed by justice agencies. As a result, industry leaders formed the Industry Working Group (IWG), comprised of representatives from firms with strong criminal justice expertise. In April 2001, the IWG formed the IJIS Institute as a not-for-profit corporation to undertake the many activities in the justice area as a formal organization. The IWG was dissolved as a separate entity in 2005, and its committees were transferred to the IJIS Institute to create a single voice of industry in the development of new standards and practices in the public safety, justice, and homeland security information technology world. An 11-member Board of Directors, elected by the membership, provides oversight for the Institute's activities.

What Does the IJIS Institute Do?

The IJIS Institute has a wide variety of programs and support services to help accomplish its mission, including:

- ◇ **Technology assistance services** to state and local governments on technology and related issues. The Institute brings together the expertise and experience of private sector information technology firms to provide objective, timely, and cost-effective technology recommendations and guidance to government decision makers and project stakeholders. Recent Institute technology assistance projects include assessments of data sharing and integration for the Navajo Nation, the US Virgin Islands, Cook County (IL), and the Iowa Department of Public Safety, as well as fusion center development for the New York State Intelligence Center, and network and data security for Essex County (NJ).
- ◇ **Training and education services** for federal, state, tribal, and local governments on best practices, current standards, and technology issues. The technology training courses offered by the Institute are designed to meet the needs of both managers and technical staff and range from basic introductions to a more in depth review of technical components and concepts. The Institute can provide standard, off-the-shelf courses as well as design custom training and education. Recent training programs include National



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Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Practical Implementer's Courses in West Virginia, Nevada, Georgia, Oklahoma, Washington DC, and Canada.

- ◇ **Help Desk and Knowledge Center services** to support practitioners from both government and industry with information sharing standards on a national level. The National Information Sharing Standards (NISS) Help Desk is hosted by the DOJ in partnership with the Institute. The NISS Help Desk assists users in finding answers to technical questions regarding the content, principles, and best practices for using DOJ's Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM) and the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM).
- ◇ **Project management services** to engage government and industry in the development of national strategies and solutions on key issues facing justice, public safety, and homeland security. The Institute's Project Management team helps public and private professionals design and adopt standardized information sharing solutions through pragmatic, results-oriented technology services and projects. Key Institute projects currently include gang information sharing exchange development, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP), the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN), the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (NSI), and the Public Safety Data Interoperability program.
- ◇ **National scope issue management services** supporting focus groups and committees working to advance the field of justice, public safety, and homeland security information sharing.
- ◇ **Outreach and communication services** to support information sharing initiatives and the national adoption and use of information sharing standards across justice, public safety, homeland security, and other communities of interest.

IJIS Institute Leadership

The IJIS Institute is led by Mr. Paul Wormeli, Executive Director. Mr. Wormeli has served as deputy administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) and national project director of SEARCH. His involvement in the IWG and his experience in designing and implementing law enforcement and justice information systems has equipped him with the experience to guide the Institute in meeting its mission to bring industry and government together.

Mr. Steven Ambrosini is director of operations. He has had a thirty-year career in information technology working in the private and public sectors providing technology services and solutions to the public safety and criminal justice community.

Mr. David Fredenburgh is director of finance and administration. He has had a long career in the nonprofit sector, including financial and administrative management of local governments where he was responsible for the development and oversight of annual budgets up to \$28 million.