BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ANNOUNCES
THE FIRST ANNUAL GLOBAL JXDM USERS' CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, DC—The Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announces the first U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Annual Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (GJXDM) Users' Conference. The event will feature critical technical and policy-level sessions and important discussions of exemplary implementations using XML technology designed to reduce crime and fight terrorism. It will be held on June 8–10, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia, and is sponsored in partnership with SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, and the GJXDM Training and Technical Assistance Committee (GTTAC).

Geared toward policymakers, justice practitioners, and developers, this conference showcases the most efficient and effective methods to implement GJXDM. More than 15 real-life case studies will provide attendees with practical information that they can use to maximize cost savings and improve interoperability in their communities. Leading experts, industry representatives, and local developers will facilitate technical and policy-level sessions and share their expertise and real-world experiences.

Attendees will hear from users who have implemented GJXDM in their jurisdictions in the past year. Presentations will focus on policy issues related to GJXDM, such as return on investment and strategic planning. Other presentations will address technical issues such as privacy, service-oriented architecture, and messaging strategies. In addition, there will be demonstrations and tutorial sessions that showcase various tools developed or enhanced during the past year. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in one-on-one technical training by GJXDM developers, receive lessons on GJXDM tools by experts at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), and hear the latest information on developing national guidelines and technical

assistance and support strategies.

One of the highlights of the conference is the presentation of the new partnership between DOJ and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS): the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM). This partnership opens the door for other government entities to join in the GJXDM success. NIEM will leverage both the extensive GJXDM reference model and the comprehensive GJXDM-based framework and support infrastructure. The session will cover the NIEM foundation which is composed of three parts: core data components, reusable XML exchange packages, and business-process models for information sharing.

GJXDM is a technology standard that allows agencies to exchange data, regardless of computer system or platform. It has dramatically improved the ability of justice and public safety agencies to share critical information and is the basis for more than 200 successful justice information sharing projects today.

For example, in April 2004, police in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, were able to capture a bank robbery suspect in less than two hours by matching his bank surveillance photo with an image on Justice Network (JNET), Pennsylvania's XML-enabled justice information sharing network. GJXDM also aided police in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in quickly apprehending a homicide suspect. Within hours of learning of four homicides in one neighborhood, officers used a JNET photo image to confirm the suspect's identity. Through a stakeout, police apprehended the homicide suspect and recovered an assault weapon. In addition, jurisdictions are reporting substantial cost savings because they used GJXDM.

This conference provides valuable and timely information that can be applied toward future information sharing projects. For more information on the agenda, sessions, and accommodations, please visit **http://it.ojp.gov/usersconference**. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.