

U.S. Department of Justice
Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee Charter

- 1. Committee's Official Designation.** Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Advisory Committee (GAC).
- 2. Authority.** This discretionary committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. II. The Attorney General approved the establishment of the GAC in 2000 to receive input from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies regarding information sharing and integration within the justice community.
- 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The GAC is an advisory body to the Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). It was created to develop national policy recommendations to inform, facilitate, and enable broadscale exchange of justice information in support of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission. The GAC consists of key officials from local, state, tribal, federal, and other justice-interested entities that work to support public safety. The GAC seeks to recommend to the Attorney General and AAG/OJP/BJA measures to improve the administration of justice and protect the public by promoting practices and technologies for the secure sharing of justice information as it relates to local, state, tribal, and territorial governments and their relationships to the Federal Government. The GAC provides recommendations supporting development of policies and practices upon request by the Attorney General, the AAG/OJP/BJA, the GAC's Designated Federal Official (DFO), or the Deputy Designated Federal Official (DDFO).
- 4. Description of Duties.** The duties of the GAC are advisory.
- 5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The GAC shall report to the Attorney General through the Director of BJA or the Director's designee(s).
- 6. Support.** The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance provides support services for the GAC.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated operating cost of the GAC, including Subcommittees and working groups, is expected to be approximately \$1,000,000 annually. These costs include staff equivalent of .20 of two FTE federal positions, support activities of the GAC, as well as meeting and travel expenses.
- 8. Designated Federal Officials.** The Designated Federal Official (DFO) and the Deputy Designated Federal Official (DDFO) will be full-time permanent BJA employees, as appointed by the BJA Director. The DFO or the DDFO will approve or call the advisory committees' and subcommittees' meetings, approve all meeting agendas, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO or DDFO

determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the advisory committee reports.

- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The GAC will meet twice a year, with meeting dates and locations to be approved by the DFO or the DDFO. The GAC meetings will be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the DFO in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act and 41 C.F.R. §§ 102-3.150-160.
- 10. Change of Meeting Venue and Frequency.** All in-person GAC and GAC subcommittee meetings will be held at BJA headquarters in Washington, D.C. The DFO and BJA Director may consider alternative meeting venues. In times of public health events or other crises that prohibit membership from travelling to the designated meeting site, meetings will be held virtually via a secure online virtual meeting platform.
- 11. Duration.** This committee is continuing. The GAC will continue to exist until the Attorney General determines it has fulfilled DOJ needs.
- 12. Termination.** This committee expires in two years from its filing date unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration.
- 13. Membership and Designation.** The GAC will consist of 26 representatives from local, state, tribal, and territorial governments or agencies, and 9 representatives from federal agencies and other justice-interested entities that work to support public safety. The GAC has selected to designate members as representatives, Special government employees, and federal employees with the purpose of each member providing advice and guidance that represents the views of practitioners, experts, and advocates in each of the respective areas of expertise from which the member was chosen. The GAC will be led by a chair and a vice chair, both of whom will be elected through a vote of the GAC membership and ratified by the BJA Director. All GAC members are eligible to serve in these leadership positions. The total number of members for the GAC shall be limited to 35 representatives as described above.
- 14. Subcommittees.** Subcommittees may be created, as required by the DFO or DDFO, to prepare deliverables and recommendations to the GAC. The GAC may also create Subcommittees and working groups, as required by the DFO or DDFO with DOJ approval, to focus on such topics as improving conceptual frameworks to support national justice information sharing, development and sharing of criminal intelligence, protecting privacy and information quality standards, and enhancing security guidelines and technologies for trusted information sharing. The working groups will prepare recommendations, which will be voted on by the GAC and, if approved, forwarded through the DFO or DDFO to BJA and OJP to the Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorney General for review. Subcommittees and working groups will provide advice or work products through GAC, consistent with FACA regulations, and not directly to the Agency. All subcommittees, including the permanent subcommittee, the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC), will be led by a chair and vice-chair, both of whom will be elected through a vote of the GAC and CICC membership and ratified by the BJA Director. All candidates for the CICC leadership positions must be a member in good standing at the time of nomination.

15. Recordkeeping. The records generated or received by the GAC, its established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the GAC, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

16. Filing Date: The filing date is the date the charter is filed with Congress.

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