Global Justice XML Data Model Developer's Workshop
Update 5/04/04

Dear Global JXDM Developer's Workshop Registrant:

We are providing this registration update to answer questions that registrants are asking about the Global JXDM Developer's Workshop. We will be sending out additional updates as needed between now and the workshop. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ralph Keiffer at (850) 385-0600 extension 237 or rkeiffer@iir.com.

Versions of Microsoft Software and Other Software Issues

In response to the update sent on April 30, 2004, a number of participants have again asked about the versions of Microsoft Notepad, Word, and Excel software that are required for the workshop. A requirement for using the Office 2003 versions, which are the "current versions", was originally noted. Many of you probably already know that you can create Text, Word, and Excel documents in the latest Microsoft software versions and then open, use, and edit these documents, somewhat seamlessly, in older versions as long as features specific to the newer version are not used in generating the document. We have spoken to the individuals who created the documents that participants will need to access and they have told us that earlier versions going back to the Office 2000 versions should be useable, as no functionality specific to the 2003 versions was used in their creation. Participants who are using another brand of text editor, word processing software, and/or spreadsheet, and who can routinely open and use Microsoft Text, Word, and Excel files, should also be in good shape.

Participants have noted that the Office 2003 versions of Microsoft software have XML capabilities and have asked if that is the reason why the 2003 versions were suggested for the Workshop. Please note that the XML capabilities of the 2003 versions were not used in creation of the Workshop documents and will not be demonstrated during the Workshop.

Participants have referenced operating systems along with their questions about the Microsoft Office software. Please note that our recommendations dealt only with the Office software and not with the operating system. If your operating system can support software capable of handling files as noted above, then you should be fine.

Participants have asked if they can use XML software package text editing tools instead of Microsoft Notepad during the Workshop. While Microsoft Notepad was recommended, individuals who have XML software tools available for this purpose are encouraged to use them during the workshop. Please note that this is not a requirement, and no request is being made for participants to have such software available at the Workshop.