



Global Outreach Working Group

Executive Summary

Global Solutions—

“Half of knowledge is knowing where to find it.”

Since its inaugural charter more than 13 years ago, the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) has supported development of hundreds of valuable resources, and the universe of Global recommendations continues to expand and evolve as new solutions are released and older ones are retired or revised. Without some navigational tools to assist in locating the right Global resource to meet specific needs, the array of products can be overwhelming. Enter the Global Information Sharing Toolkit (GIST)!

The Gist of GIST—

The Right Combination of Global Solutions for You

For the past six months, the Global Outreach Working Group (GOWG) has devoted time to developing ways to search the multitude of U.S. DOJ's Global solutions available via the Office of Justice Programs Justice Information Sharing Web site (www.it.ojp.gov/gist). Simply put, the gist of GIST (or purpose of the Toolkit) is to efficiently, effectively navigate the entire range of solutions to zero in on the best combination of deliverables for your specific justice information sharing and/or intelligence-related need or business problem. Based on your navigational preference, there are three different ways to locate the Global solutions that best meet your needs:

SEARCH

Allows the user to view and search the entire GLOBAL Product Family.

- ▶ A wide-open approach to search for products by keyword, phrase, or document title
- ▶ Filter by selecting individual or combinations of filters

BROWSE

Allows users to navigate an extensive classification hierarchy to find the group of products that suits their needs.

- ▶ Discover category detail and meaning.
- ▶ Move back and forth through the classification, similar to using a directory.
- ▶ Leverage classification relationships to further product analysis.
- ▶ Dive into products by viewing detail information and related products.

GUIDE

The highest level of support, this process results in a customized package of Global Solutions that best meet the user's business needs or interests based on responses to a series of guided questions.

- ▶ Filters through the entire set of Global products to create your individualized toolkit
- ▶ Returns a result set of products tailored to specific needs
- ▶ Eliminates lengthy trial-and-error searching
- ▶ Suggests complementary products

The GIST will be fully operational on April 11, 2012, and members of the GOWG request that you “test-drive” the toolkit and share it with your constituents. You are also encouraged to provide feedback on the tool, including any suggestions for improvement, to Global staff at aganey@iir.com. The GIST can be accessed at www.it.ojp.gov/gist.



Outreach: A Member's Responsibility

As a Global Advisory Committee (GAC) member, you have the chance to be the voice of your agency, representing the hundreds or thousands of colleagues in your particular community. Your by-appointment-only place at the Global table offers an exclusive opportunity available to very few justice practitioners: the chance to make recommendations to the U.S. Attorney General that improve your ability and that of your colleagues to conduct business better (saving time, money, and resources, with a better end result). In return, GAC members have the responsibility and privilege to spread the good news about the Initiative. You are expected to be both the voice of your community on Global ("pulling up" input and expertise) and the voice of Global within your community by supporting and promulgating ("pushing down") the GAC's good works.

The Global Outreach Working Group can help you do this through a variety of tools and resources:

- ▶ Success stories to submit and distribute: Share your story!
- ▶ Global telephone interviews
- ▶ Templates and individualized follow-up
- ▶ Web site tools
- ▶ Fly the flag: Post the Global logo and link
- ▶ RSS feeds
- ▶ Receive notifications of the latest Global news and Web site content
- ▶ GAC members have been automatically enrolled. Now share the news and help enroll your colleagues!
- ▶ Podcasts
- ▶ LinkedIn
- ▶ Contributions to the Global Web site

GAC members are always encouraged to contact staff at dlindquist@iir.com or (202) 429-2712, for additional information and outreach support.

Outreach Leadership

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Outreach Mission

The entire Global outreach and communication endeavor supports Global's mission to facilitate broadscale sharing of justice and public safety information by promoting standards-based electronic information exchange, providing the justice community with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information in a secure and trusted environment. "Awareness" is implicitly a Global strategic goal in support of this mission, because the best GAC resources are only as good as their utility to and use by the justice-interested community. Awareness is the first step in adoption of Global recommendations and, by extension, support for and promulgation of the Global Initiative.

About Global

The U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) serves as a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Attorney General on critical justice information sharing initiatives. Global promotes standards-based electronic information exchange to provide justice and public safety communities with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information in a secure and trusted environment. Global is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

For More Information

For more information about the Outreach Working Group, contact Donna Lindquist of DOJ's Global at (202) 429-2712, or e-mail dlindquist@iir.com.

For more information about other DOJ information sharing initiatives, go to:

www.it.ojp.gov/global



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