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

Charter

Official Designation

Charter of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Advisory Committee (GAC).

Objectives and Scope of Activity

The GAC is an advisory body to the Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), created to develop national policy recommendations to inform, facilitate and enable broad scale exchange of justice information in support of the Department of Justice's 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, the Assistant Attorney General, and OJP, 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, and Tribal governments and their relationships to the Federal government. The GAC recommends policies, practices, and provides technical input related to other justice or law enforcement issues upon request by the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, OJP, or the Designated Federal Official (DFO) to Global.

Duration

This Charter expires two years from its effective date and is subject to renewal, pending progress of the Global Initiative.

Reporting

The GAC shall report to the Attorney General or to the Attorney General's designee.

Support Services

The Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provides support services for the GAC.

Duties

The GAC carries out the objectives listed in the section of this Charter entitled Objectives and Scope of Activity. The advisory process and structure will include representatives from local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies. The GAC also appoints subject-matter working groups, 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 to BJA and OJP for review.

Operating Costs

The estimated operating cost of the GAC, including working groups, is expected to be approximately $2,500,000 annually. These costs include staff to support the activities of the GAC, as well as meeting and travel expenses.

Meetings and Leadership

The GAC will meet at least twice each year at approximately six-month intervals, with meeting dates and locations to be approved by the DFO. The GAC meetings will be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the DFO. 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. All GAC members are eligible to serve in these leadership positions. Working groups will meet, as required and agreed to by the chair of the GAC and the DFO, to prepare deliverables and recommendations to the GAC.

Establishing Authority

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.

Delegation of Authority to Appoint Members

The authority to appoint members to the GAC is hereby delegated to the Designated Federal Official within the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Termination Date

This Charter expires in two years from its effective date and is subject to renewal.

Date of Charter

June 26, 2008.