



## Federal Chief Information Officers Council

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE FEDERAL CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of the National Information Exchange Model across the  
Federal Government

As the members of the Executive Steering Council for the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) program, we are pleased to share with you the enclosed report on the adoption and use of NIEM throughout the Federal Government.

As described in the attached report, NIEM is gaining significant adoption as a standard for information exchange for federal, state, local and tribal entities.

Even more recent successes include the establishment of the NIEM Cyber Domain as of December 2010 to enhance cyber information sharing capabilities and improve the effectiveness of cyber incident response efforts. The success of the program has yielded an endorsement from the National Association of State Chief Information Officers as an enterprise data standards framework for its membership.

Based on the results in this report, we have asked the NIEM Program Management Office (PMO) to coordinate efforts to define a strategy for scaling the NIEM process and framework to support accelerated adoption and use. Key considerations should include highlighting value creation, scaling the governance model including strengthening both practitioner involvement and further engagement with standards organizations, and continued innovation. We ask that each Agency CIO identify a contact within their organization to work with the NIEM PMO toward this objective. Please send the contact information to NIEMPMO@niem.gov.

The NIEM PMO shall report progress and next steps on these activities to the CIO Council by July 1, 2011.

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