

## Industry Partnership

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So NIEM, as a program, needs industry involvement, and I'm going to tell you why it needs industry involvement. The government, over time, has not been very good at developing software—keeping software up-to-date. There is a whole industry around software. The government shouldn't be in the business of doing that. They should be in the business of enabling our industry partners to create the tools that we need to ingest NIEM or to create the tools that our implementers need to do their jobs right. And so over time, you know, the industry does a much better job than government can ever do, and their involvement in ensuring that we keep the way we use NIEM up to industry's best practices is critical. Without industry involvement, we wouldn't have a program that boasts such great success stories.

So I'm expecting industry to do what they do well: to create tools to stay on top of industry best practices, and to be innovative, and to really think outside the box and give our community tools that allows them to spend more time solving mission problems and less time worrying about how to architect these information exchanges.