

Global JXDM Workshop Training Materials Now Available Online

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), together with the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global), has announced the availability of online training materials for the Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (Global JXDM). The training materials, originally developed and used for a three-day Global JXDM Developer's Workshop that debuted in May 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia, serve as a post-workshop repository that includes a complete workshop program, instructor presentation slides, streaming video segments, handouts and downloads, practical exercises and suggested solutions, questions and answers, and lessons learned.

The Global JXDM is an XML-based framework enabling the entire justice and public safety community to effectively share information at all levels—laying the foundation for local, state, and national justice interoperability. Developed by the Global Initiative and OJP, the Global JXDM is an object-oriented data model comprised of a well-defined vocabulary of approximately 2,500 stable data objects, or reusable components, that facilitate the exchange and reuse of information from multiple sources and multiple applications.

The Global JXDM Developer's Workshop was designed as a technical training seminar that featured hands-on practical exercises and taught by a broad range of practitioners in the field. Georgia Tech Research Institute developers and specialists, who were instrumental in developing the technical foundation behind the Global JXDM, designed and presented most of the curriculum. Topics included the fundamentals of the Global JXDM, external enumerations, constraints, extensions and substitutions, references and relationships, viewing and schema subset tools, and lessons learned.

Speaker, Paul K. Wormeli, Executive Director of [Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute \(IJIS\)](#) and chair of the Global Training and Technical Assistance Committee, commented, "The computer scientists at the Georgia Tech Research Institute did all the heavy lifting in terms of providing spectacular instruction, but the endorsement of all the sponsoring groups and, most notably, the Office of Justice Programs was also impressive. People were eager to learn about how to apply the model, chomping at the bit to go home with new knowledge to put it to work in computer-based information sharing, and more than willing to share their work with others."

A total of 325 developers and managers attended this event, coming from 40 states, consisting of an equal number of industry and government representatives. "What is most notable, and should be the lesson learned for the future, is that it is possible to build broad coalitions to deal with significant issues in criminal justice technology, and to do it quickly. There will be a strong demand for follow-on events to this one, and its success and impact should be the premise for future partnerships in progress in this community," said Mr. Wormeli.

Another workshop is currently scheduled for July 6-8, 2004, in Anchorage, Alaska. This workshop is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center – Northwest (NLECTC–Northwest), a program of the National Institute of Justice, in cooperation with the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and is part of a larger event—the First Annual NLECTC–Northwest Summer Justice Institute, held June 28 through July 9, 2004. Attendees of the Institute will explore practical applications of innovative technologies currently in use, as well as technologies not yet available, but on the horizon. A third workshop is being planned for the fall in Syracuse, New York.

For more information on the Global JXDM and future developer's workshops, go to www.it.ojp.gov/gjxdm. For information on the Global JXDM workshop training materials, go to <http://justicexml.gtri.gatech.edu/developerworkshop/index.html>.