

Dear Colleague:

I am very pleased to announce that the Office of Justice Programs together with the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) is releasing a newly developed feature—the **Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (GJXDM) Listserv**—now available to the justice community.

The GJXDM Listserv is an electronic forum created for the purpose of developing and broadening the community of justice XML expertise and support for the application of the GJXDM and Global Justice XML Data Dictionary (GJXDD) elements. The GJXDM Listserv promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences associated with the GJXDM and GJXDD. Justice XML projects are steadily being developed and implemented throughout the country. As a result, their successes have fostered a growing community of interest.

The Listserv provides a forum for in-depth discussions on the following XML topics:

- XML literature
- research
- education, training, and conference opportunities
- hardware and software specifications and acquisitions
- proposals
- plan development
- pilot projects
- implemented programs (local, state, tribal, and national applications)

Listserv membership should include justice and public safety practitioners, managers, policymakers, developers, and programmers involved with building applications using the GJXDM as well as private sector and local, state, tribal, and federal government communities of practice who are involved in data integration efforts using XML.

If you would like to join the GJXDM Listserv or would like more information, refer to the GJXDM Listserv Web site http://it.ojp.gov/topic.jsp?topic_id=92.

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