Announcing the Newest Global JXDM Release, Version 3.0.2

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), together with the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global), has officially issued a newer version of the Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (Global JXDM) to the justice community—Version 3.0.2. This latest release of the Version 3.0 Global JXDM series is enhanced to increase the ability of justice and public safety communities to share justice information at all levels—laying the foundation for local, state, and national justice interoperability.

The Global JXDM is a comprehensive product that includes a data model, a data dictionary, and an XML schema. The Global JXDM is sponsored by OJP, with development supported by the Global XML Structure Task Force (XSTF) which works closely with researchers at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). The XSTF is composed of government and industry domain experts (law enforcement, courts, and corrections), technical managers, and engineers.

New releases are issued by the XSTF, which reviews and evaluates each version of the Global JXDM. The XSTF solicits feedback from technical experts and practitioners in both industry and government and authorizes Global JXDM changes based on this feedback. All approved additions, deletions, and modifications are applied to future releases, with a cumulative change log published along with each release. When a reasonable number of updates are approved by the XSTF, a new version is released.

Since its first prerelease in April 2003, the Global JXDM has continued to undergo intensive reviews, receive feedback and error reports online from the public, and provide a Global JXDM Listserv discussion forum for sharing expertise and support. Today, more than 50 law enforcement and justice-related projects have been implemented utilizing the Global JXDM, further demonstrating the flexibility and stability of the Global JXDM.

Some of the enhancements incorporated into Version 3.0.2 include the most current code values for schemas for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC)-2000 code tables, definition adjustments and corrections, the addition of more properties and the deprecation of others, and an updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) resource that incorporates content from the *Global JXDM Version 3.0 Reference Notes* along with added FAQs. In addition, elements can now have "null" values (i.e., no data content between the start and end tag), and the Schema Subset Generation Tool (SSGT) now supports multiple versions of the Global JXDM.

An important developmental highlight is that the Global JXDM, Version 3.0.2, is forward compatible with all XML instances written for Global JXDM, Version 3.0. Global JXDM, Version 3.0, instances validate with all 3.0.2 schemas and schema subsets. Global JXDM, Version 3.0, will remain available indefinitely.

For more information on the Global JXDM, Version 3.0.2, and the resources and tools associated with this product, refer to the Global JXDM Web site at http://it.ojp.gov/gjxdm. To specifically access the Global JXDM, Version 3.0.2, refer to http://it.ojp.gov/jxdm.