U.S. Department of Justice
Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee
Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Advisory Committee (GAC).

2. **Authority.** This discretionary committee operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Attorney General approved the establishment of the GAC in 2000 to receive input from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies regarding information sharing and integration within the justice community.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The GAC is an advisory body to the Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). It was created to develop national policy recommendations to inform, facilitate, and enable broadscale exchange of justice information in support of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission. The GAC consists of key officials from local, state, tribal, federal, and other justice-interested entities that work to support public safety. The GAC seeks to recommend to the Attorney General and AAG/OJP measures to improve the administration of justice and protect the public by promoting practices and technologies for the secure sharing of justice information as it relates to local, state, and tribal governments and their relationships to the Federal Government. The GAC provides recommendations supporting development of policies and practices upon request by the Attorney General, the AAG/OJP, and the GAC's Designated Federal Official (DFO).

4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the GAC are advisory.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The GAC shall report to the Attorney General through the designee of BJA.

6. **Support.** The Office of Justice Program's Bureau of Justice Assistance provides support services for the GAC.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated operating cost of the GAC, including working groups, is expected to be approximately $750,000 annually. These costs include staff equivalent of .20 of one FTE federal position, support activities of the GAC, as well as meeting and travel expenses.

8. **Designated Federal Official.** The Designated Federal Official (DFO) will be a full-time permanent BJA employee, as appointed by the BJA Director. The DFO will approve or call the advisory committees' and subcommittees' meetings, approve all meeting agendas, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the advisory committee reports.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The GAC will meet approximately once a year, with meeting dates and locations to be approved by the DFO. The GAC meetings will be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the DFO in accordance with The Government in the Sunshine Act and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.150-160.

10. **Duration.** This committee is continuing. The GAC will continue to exist until the Attorney General determines it has fulfilled DOJ needs.

11. **Termination.** This Charter expires in two years from its filing date and is subject to renewal.

12. **Membership and Designation.** The GAC shall be composed of up to thirty-four members who will serve as representatives, special government employees, and federal employees. Appointees will include representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies. The GAC will be led by a chair and a vice chair, both of whom will be elected through a vote of the GAC membership and ratified by the BJA Director. All GAC members are eligible to serve in these leadership positions. Subcommittees and task teams will meet, as required and agreed to by the chair of the GAC and the DFO, to support development of deliverables and recommendations to the GAC. The membership of the GAC is determined by each organization nominating candidates and the ultimate approval will be made by the BJA Director. All members serve at the pleasure of the BJA Director.

13. **Subcommittees.** Subcommittees may be created, as required by the DFO, to prepare deliverables and recommendations to the GAC. The GAC also appoints subject-matter task teams, with DOJ approval, to focus on such topics as improving conceptual frameworks to support national justice information sharing, development and sharing of criminal intelligence, protecting privacy and information quality standards, and enhancing security guidelines and technologies for trusted information sharing. The task teams will prepare recommendations, which will be presented to and voted on by the GAC and, if approved, forwarded through the DFO to BJA and OJP for review. Subcommittees and task teams will provide advice or work products through Global, consistent with FACA regulations, and not directly to the Agency.

14. **Recordkeeping.** The records generated or received by the GAC, its established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the GAC, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. **Filing date.** The filing date is the date the charter is filed with Congress.

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Attorney General

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Date