Because of the significance of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI), the IJIS Institute is departing from its normal briefing format to provide a special educational opportunity: On July 31, Mr. Thomas O’Reilly, Director of the NSI Program Management Office (NSI PMO), will facilitate a training program designed exclusively for industry on ways to implement the new NSI, which grew out of foundation works of the Global Intelligence Working Group and Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (GIWG and CICC). The training will:

- Feature fusion center and other high-level experts and policymakers as well as technical contributors.
- Provide an educational foundation on the SAR Information Exchange Package Documentation, functional specification, and NSI implementation workflow.
- Discuss the specifics of the architecture for implementing the NSI.
- Answer your questions about the NSI.

During this training, participants will have an opportunity to interact with high-level experts and policymakers as well as technical contributors on the NSI Program Management Office (NSI PMO). Attendees will receive a training package on the NSI, including the SAR Information Exchange Package (IEP) Documentation, functional specification, and NSI implementation workflow.

The training will feature a discussion of the specifics of the architecture for implementing the NSI. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the NSI.

Global on the Go:
Many Methods to Spread the Word

The most “public” arm of Global—the U.S. DOJ’s Global Advisory Committee (GAC)—may only meet in the spring and fall, but the hundreds of sometimes behind-the-scenes Global volunteers (including many GAC members) are busy every week of the year, adding expertise and elbow grease to advance justice information sharing for their colleagues, communities, and country. Some recent past and upcoming events and resources include:

Reaching Rural Law Enforcement

On June 15–16, 2010, in Glendale, Arizona, Mr. Ron Hawley, GAC representative from SEARCH and Chair of the Global Outreach Working Group, participated in the Rural Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Conference session, “Resources and Information Sharing,” highlighting several national systems available to rural law enforcement as well as the Global Initiative. Attendees were Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) law enforcement grantees from across the United States and its territories. Approximately 100 attendees were informed of Global’s work and the many associated resources available to them. Although many participants were unaware of Global at the outset of the sessions, they quickly recognized the value of the initiative as a resource for their specific projects and lines of business. Others—while unfamiliar with Global’s relationship to a specific product (such as the Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management framework)—were familiar with the tie between Global and the advancement of data sharing standards, suggesting Global’s tools are reaching end users and having a positive influence on the nation’s information sharing efforts! Mr. Hawley’s outreach efforts are applauded, and others are encouraged to follow suit and spread Global good news to “new” audiences.

Justice Partnerships With Industry, Emphasis on NSI Training

Information sharing is at the heart of our nation’s justice, public safety, and homeland security initiatives. Industry representatives can “stay informed and become a part of the solution!” by joining colleagues in Fort Myers, Florida, July 30–31, 2010, for the IJIS Institute Summer Industry Briefing. This event represents the commitment of private industry to be an integral partner in the solutions to information sharing challenges addressed by Global activities.

New Intelligence Resources

Via electronic GAC vote, the following were recently recommended to the U.S. Attorney General and justice community as valuable resources:

- Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Compliance Verification for the Intelligence Enterprise
- Common Competencies for State, Local, and Tribal Intelligence Analysts*

* This resource will be posted on the Global Web site in the near future.