The IT.OJP.GOV site is getting a fresh new look through the reorganization of content and by making the overall look and feel of the site more efficient and simpler to navigate.

Primary Benefits of the refresh include:
- Improved visibility of new or highlighted material
- Better navigation and focus for the user
- Better support for various user screen sizes and platforms, including mobile and tablet devices
- More user friendly through elimination of duplicate references

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The IT.OJP.GOV Web site and the Global Information Sharing Toolkit (GIST) are two primary resources for information on the Global Initiative and its information sharing solutions. The IT.OJP.GOV Web site houses detailed information on Global’s background, mission, and membership, as well as the working groups, products, and publications. This Web site is also home to the GIST. Launched in April 2012, the GIST has proven to be a helpful tool for users searching for Global solutions to help solve a business problem or looking to stay current on new Global products being delivered. Stay tuned, because these two resources are currently being refreshed for an enhanced user experience.

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The Global Information Sharing Toolkit (GIST) now features a Customized “My Toolkit”

The GIST is currently being enhanced to improve discoverability of Global solutions and to combine these solutions into a unique result set that may be saved for future viewing. Soon, when a user searches and finds Global solutions specific to a business issue or need, he or she will be able to save or download those items as a single package in a zip file or as a specific hyperlink for future reference. The ability to access customized Global solutions without having to begin a new search each time GIST is utilized will benefit the user and increase efficiency.
About the Global Advisory Committee

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Outreach: A Member’s Responsibility

As a Global Advisory Committee (GAC) member, you have the chance to be the voice of your agency, representing the hundreds or thousands of colleagues in your particular community. Your by-appointment-only place at the Global table offers an exclusive opportunity available to very few justice practitioners: the chance to make recommendations to the U.S. Attorney General that improve your ability and that of your colleagues to conduct business better (saving time, money, and resources, with a better end result). In return, GAC members have the responsibility and privilege to spread the good news about the Initiative. You are expected to be both the voice of your community on Global (“pulling up” input and expertise) and the voice of Global within your community by supporting and promulgating (“pushing down”) the GAC’s good works.

The Global Outreach Working Group can help you do this through a variety of tools and resources:

• Global in Action stories to submit and distribute: Share your story!
• Web site tools
• Post the Global logo and link
• Receive notifications of the latest Global news and Web site content
• GAC members have been automatically enrolled. Now share the news and help enroll your colleagues!
• Podcasts, LinkedIn, and contributions to the Global Web site

GAC members are always encouraged to contact Outreach staff at aganey@iir.com or (850) 385-0600, extension 488, for additional information and outreach support.

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Outreach Mission

The entire Global outreach and communication endeavor supports Global’s mission to facilitate broadscale sharing of justice and public safety information by promoting standards-based electronic information exchange, providing the justice community with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information in a secure and trusted environment. “Awareness” is implicitly a Global strategic goal in support of this mission, because the best GAC resources are only as good as their utility to and use by the justice-interested community. Awareness is the first step in adoption of Global recommendations and, by extension, support for and promulgation of the Global Initiative.

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For More Information

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For more information about other DOJ information sharing initiatives, go to: www.it.ojp.gov/global

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