Executive Summary and Outreach Items for the GAC

Outreach: A Member’s Responsibility
As a Global Advisory Committee (GAC, Committee) 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”) benefits of the GAC.

The Global Outreach Working Group can help you do this through a variety of resources, including the latest deliverable created expressly for this purpose. The content of the updated Global Briefing Booklet, presented for formal Global membership review and recommendation at the fall 2011 GAC meeting, mirrors the Committee’s prioritization of widespread adoption and consistent implementation of Global solutions. The resource emphasizes the Global-supported information sharing tools, developed for practitioners/by practitioners, as opposed to an extensive Committee history or organizational enumeration. Ultimately, what matters most about the GAC to an end user might not necessarily be how the Committee operates (although the collaborative “Global process” is lauded as a hallmark achievement in its own right) but, instead, what Global can do for you, the justice practitioner, to solve your business needs. Included is a long-standing request—the Global “elevator speech” (opposite side)—outlining several high-level points to use next time you have the opportunity to share the good works of Global!

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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.

Participate, Partner, and Promote.
As a Justice Practitioner, YOU are Global.
About Global

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) serves as a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Attorney General on critical justice information sharing initiatives. Global promotes standards-based electronic information exchange to provide justice and public safety communities with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information in a secure and trusted environment. Global is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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