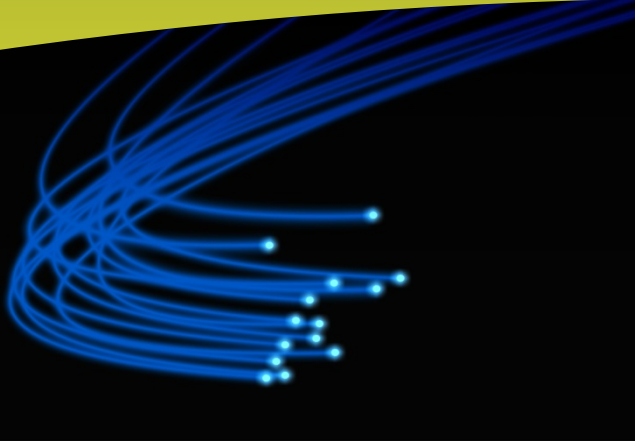




LEITSC Newsletter



LEITSC, fostering the growth of strategic planning and integrated justice systems.

2009 Upcoming Events

NSA Winter Conference

January 28th – 31st, 2009
Washington, D.C.

PERF Annual Meeting

March 26th – 28th, 2009
Washington, D.C.

IACP LEIM 33rd Annual Training Conference & Exposition

May 18th – 21st, 2009
Dallas, TX

NSA 69th Annual Conference

June 20th – 24th, 2009
Fort Lauderdale, FL

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2008 Year End Edition

Welcome to the 2008 LEITSC Year End Newsletter. In looking back a great deal has happened this year: the website underwent a redesign, the *Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems Version II* was released, and two more products are undergoing their final vetting and will be released shortly.

Where to next? One of the most common requests that we receive are for real examples of Law Enforcement request for proposals (RFP) for CAD and RMS. If your agency has an inactive RFP that can be shared with other law enforcement agencies, please submit it to LEITSC@theiacp.org. Please indicate if this sample RFP can be posted to the LEITSC website or only shared upon request by a law enforcement agency.

General Information

The Law Enforcement Information Technology Standards Council (LEITSC) is a consortium of four of the nation's leading law enforcement associations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

mission to promote information technology standards among law enforcement agencies.

For more information about LEITSC and the products we have developed for CAD systems and RMS for law enforcement agencies, please visit the LEITSC website, www.LEITSC.org.

Funded by the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), it is our

Project Manager's Guide to: RMS/CAD System Software Acquisition



Currently undergoing final vetting, the *Project Manager's Guide to: RMS/CAD System Software Acquisition* is scheduled for release in the beginning of February.

This guide was developed to provide law enforcement practitioners with a high level

overview of the project planning, requirements development, and purchasing phases of CAD/RMS software acquisition.

The guide will be available at no cost and upon its release, will be available to download from the LEITSC website, www.LEITSC.org.

CAD/RMS On-line Assessment Tool

In response to one of our most frequent requests, LEITSC is pleased to announce the release of the new CAD/RMS on-line assessment tool. Designed to provide significant guidance to agencies formulating a RFP for RMS and CAD systems, the tool is intended to be used with the Standard Functional Specifications documents, by taking each functional specification found within the documents and formulating them into questions.

Agencies can select which specifications are required and which are optional, thereby creating a ready-made matrix that can be attached to a request for information (RFI) or RFP, providing prospective vendors specific question to respond to. Providing vendors with a detailed RFP enables more

accurate responses and helps prevent scope creep, delays and unexpected costs.

Agencies are able to save their reports for export into a spreadsheet. Since the functional specifications were developed to be generic in nature and system neutral, exporting the report allows agencies to tailor the questions to reflect identified needs as well as adding any additional requirements not currently contained within the standard functional specifications documents. This function also helps reduce the time required to correct any errors from entering information manually.

This tool can be accessed from the LEITSC website, www.LEITSC.com.

Information Sharing Resource Website Redesigned

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has redesigned the website that provides law enforcement direct access to information sharing resources and tools. The site, www.it.ojp.gov, reorganizes information into primary categories – National Initiatives, Policy & Practice, and Implementation Assistance – and hosts the home for the Global Advisory Committee (Global). Recent

News in information sharing is featured on the front page, and a repository of documents accessible from all pages.

Familiar resources, such as the Justice Standards Clearinghouse and the National Information Sharing Standards Help Desk, contain the same content with a new look and feel in Implementation Assistance,

while background of national-level programs currently in the works can be found in National Initiatives. The Policy & Practice Section serves as the central location for funding opportunities, references for legislation that enables information sharing, and success stories in the industry.

Global's work in information sharing spans all jurisdictions, including law enforcement, public safety, emergency management, and more. Resources for policy development, and even technical guides for implementing low-cost information sharing solutions, can be found in Global's Publications or in specific Working Group pages.

In addition to content, the website redesign includes many new features.

LEITSC Information Exchange Package Documents

The following IEPDs, originally developed using GJXDM 3.0.3 and later migrated to NIEM 2.0, can be found on the LEITSC website:

- RMS Summary Response
- RMS Query
- CAD to RMS Transfer
- CAD Unit Status Update
- CAD Resource Availability Query
- CAD Resource Availability Response
- CAD Request for Resource
- CAD Summary Call for Service Information
- CAD Detailed Call for Service

What is an IEPD?

An Information Exchange Package Document (IEPD) represents a set of data and the additional documentation describes the content, structure, and other artifacts of the information exchange. IEPDs help facilitate the exchange of information between agencies and

Users can subscribe to email updates in a particular Areas of Interest, such as Funding, Privacy, or Security. In addition, the site allows users to filter out content, so the only stories visible are ones that match the user's Areas of Interest.

New content is always in the works, and stories from the field are always welcome! Email it@it.ojp.gov with your information sharing experience, and you could be featured on the website's front page news!

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support a specific set of business requirements

What is the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)?

An XML-based framework, NIEM's goal is to automate information sharing by facilitating the development, dissemination, and support information exchange standards.

How can NIEM IEPDs help us?

Using IEPDs based on a national reference models allow public safety agencies to share detailed information quickly and accurately with all cooperating parting without requiring agencies to have the same equipment.

"LEITSC has proven its strength and commitment to this endeavor by providing access to law enforcement experts to give input into standards development initiatives, creating outreach and training opportunities to keep law enforcement executives engaged in the process, and continuing to leverage collaboration and work that is currently underway to address the information technology needs of the law enforcement community. The law enforcement community understands the value of using information technology standards in their technology implementation, and over the last few years, significant progress has been made in the development and implementation of information technology standards to advance information sharing."

LEITSC Website Statistics for 2008

Number of LEITSC Website this – **642,321**

Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems – **34,350**

Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems (RMS) Version I – **7,977**

Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems Version II – **28,873**

The breakdown for IEPD downloads is as follows:

- RMS Priority Exchange – **939**
- RMS Summary Response – **425**
- RMS Query – **283**
- CAD to RMS Transfer – **406**
- CAD Unit Status Update – **324**
- CAD Request Status Update – **228**
- CAD Resource Availability Query – **215**
- CAD Resource Availability Response – **214**
- CAD Request for Resources – **230**
- CAD Summary Call for Service Information – **289**
- CAD Detailed Call for Service - **361**

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