

Support the Adoption and Expansion of the National Information Exchange Model

Government must be able to respond efficiently and effectively in delivering citizen services. Cross line of business collaboration will continue to become more routine and necessary in serving the citizen as well as designing and deploying integrative government processes that require information from multiple state agencies. The *National Strategy for Information Sharing* calls for “common standards” to maximize access to shared information among federal, state, local, and tribal governments; and the private sector. Government effectiveness and citizen centric government services require effective cross line of business collaboration and communication. Use of national standards will avoid redundant investment and unnecessary variation. What is needed is a common discipline for information sharing that is employed by all government lines of business.

NASCIO recommends the adoption of the [National Information Exchange Model \(NIEM\)](#) for enabling collaborative information exchanges across the state government enterprise and with federal and local government partners. NIEM should be integrated into state government enterprise architecture and data management strategy specifically for planning and implementing inter-governmental information exchanges. NIEM provides a broad range of products and capabilities for planning and implementing enterprise-wide information exchanges. As a community, NIEM provides the training, technical assistance, and the relationships necessary for assisting government in developing the knowledge and skills to effectively employ NIEM.

The [Justice Information Sharing and Technology Program](#) helps state, local, and tribal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies take full advantage of justice information sharing by providing grant funding, training and technical assistance to support the modernization and enhancement of state and local justice information systems. The Justice Information Sharing and Technology Programs have established enterprise-wide information exchanges such as NIEM. The NIEM established standards and processes that enable jurisdictions to effectively share critical information in emergencies, as well as support the day-to-day operations of agencies throughout the nation.

Recommendation: NASCIO strongly urges federal agencies and states to adopt NIEM as an essential component of state and federal government data management strategy to help facilitate inter-governmental data exchanges and collaboration across all levels of government. NASCIO urges Congress to continue funding for the program in the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill.

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