

Request for Review and Comment

Date: **March 9, 2009**

To: **Individuals and Organizations Interested in Court Technology Standards and Justice Information Sharing Initiatives**

From: **National Center for State Courts *on behalf of* COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee**

Subject: **Request for Review and Comment**

The Joint Technology Committee (JTC) of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Association for Court Management (NACM) solicits review of, and comments on, the following proposed standards and reference models for information sharing. Each of these standards makes use of either the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM) or, the more recently developed, National Information Exchange Model (NIEM).

Electronic Court Filing Standards

The OASIS LegalXML Technical Committee, with members representing both public and private sector organizations, has developed the following specifications for standardizing message structures and metadata for electronic filing of court documents. These specifications may be downloaded from the NCSC website at http://www.ncsconline.org/d_tech/standards/default.asp (under the subsection titled Electronic Court Filing).

- LegalXML Electronic Court Filing 3.1 (ECF 3.1) – This version is conformant with the GJXDM
- LegalXML Electronic Court Filing 4.0 (ECF 4.0) – This version is conformant with the NIEM

Information Sharing

The JTC has been working with the NCSC and many other groups within the justice community in the development of standardized information exchanges to promote more effective and timely sharing of information among justice agencies. Each of these “exchanges” was developed using a standard template called an *Information Exchange Package Documentation* (IEPD). Use of the IEPD template for documenting exchange specifications is fundamental to both the GJXDM and the NIEM. The following IEPDs have been proposed as standard reference models that courts may use and extend to support information exchanges in their environment. Each of these IEPDs is available for download from the NCSC website at http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Tech/gjxdm/IEPD.asp.

- Drug Court Test Request (GJXDM)
- Drug Court Test Results (GJXDM)

- Drug Court Case Folder (NIEM)
- Drug Court Test Request and Results (NIEM)
- Child Support Request for Remedy (GJXDM)
- Child Support Court Order (GJXDM)
- Child Welfare Dependency Petition (NIEM)
- Child Welfare Adjudication Order (NIEM)
- NCSC State Court Statistical Guide Submissions (NIEM)

Please direct any comments regarding the proposed standards to NCSC via electronic mail to Paul Embley at pembley@ncsc.org.

The review period for the above proposed standards and IEPDs will end **May 15, 2009**. Comments regarding a “proposed standard” and/or an “IEPD” must be received by the end of the review period to assure consideration in advance of JTC’s decision on approval as a “recommended standard.”