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Canada Public Safety Information Network (CPSIN)

INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION: A COMMON VISION

Integrated Justice Information (IJ) will enhance public safety in Canada by ensuring that criminal justice agencies have the required information available and accessible on a timely basis. To achieve this vision, the Canada Public Safety Information Network (CPSIN) will be the first coordinated effort to electronically link and share data found within these agencies.

1 OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT

As members of the IJI Steering Committee, we, the undersigned, recognize that the IJI Vision can only be achieved with every member's pro-active and demonstrable support. We are therefore committed to:

- Contributing to the government's public safety objectives by developing and implementing the Canada Public Safety Information Network (CPSIN);
- Providing executive commitment and leadership for the overall integrated justice information effort within our organizations;
- Actively promoting the expansion of the IJI community;
- Making IJI a priority within each department's/agency's allocation of finances, adequately resourcing our individual contributions to CPSIN, and collaborating on our collective funding mechanisms, where necessary and feasible;
- Addressing legislative and policy changes needed for CPSIN to work, and addressing our internal cultural and systemic challenges to sharing information;
- Supporting the establishment, use and maintenance of national criminal justice information policies, standards and guidelines;

- Ensuring a coordinated federal approach by integrating the needs of our CPSIN partners into any redesign of our business systems; and,
- Optimizing the value of information sharing by identifying and engaging new partners, and by seeking new opportunities for effective information flow.

2 DESCRIPTION OF CPSIN

2.1 Scope

Complete implementation of CPSIN will enable our departments/agencies to fully engage in improved electronic sharing of data. To this end, we support the development and implementation of CPSIN by undertaking needed foundation work in three broad areas:

- policy development;
- modernization of key federal information systems; and,
- standards & common tools development;

in addition to working together on partnership outreach and related communications initiatives.

2.2 Deliverables

Once established, CPSIN will be a virtual information network linking sources of information with Canadian criminal justice practitioners.

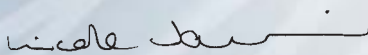
References to CPSIN are intended to include the virtual network, its operations and all the

component policies and systems. Specifically, all the activities and deliverables outlined in the original 1999-2004 IJI Action Plan, as well as those additional items described in our subsequent Progress Reports, will be implemented under the CPSIN partnership. We will pursue policy, standards, common tools and technology initiatives to support information sharing activities which are appropriate, effective and reliable. While the initial implementation is expected to be realized by 2005, enhancements will be pursued as necessary, to ensure that the full benefits of the IJI vision are realized.

A critical component of CPSIN is the delivery of a National Criminal Justice Index (NCJI), which will enable quick location of all criminal justice information relevant to a given individual, via one query. Progress on the NCJI, and other key component deliverables will be reported formally on an annual basis; on-going monitoring will be undertaken by the Interdepartmental Working Group to ensure that any cost variances and delays are communicated.

2.3 IJI Community

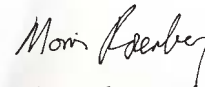
Subject to funding and government agreement, we support extending the IJI community to other interested parties, including provincial, territorial and municipal criminal justice agencies, as well as facilitating electronic information sharing with the international IJI community. As CPSIN becomes operational, we further agree to consider the expansion of the initiative to include civil justice, or other relevant linkages.



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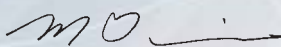
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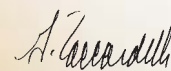
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3 OUR RESPECTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We will review options and at an appropriate date, agree upon the permanent governance structure required to support a fully operational CPSIN.

3.1 CPSIN Sponsors

In response to the 1997 Speech from the Throne that prioritized “building safer communities”, the Solicitor General took the lead by establishing an Integrated Justice Information Secretariat. IJI remains a strategic priority for the Solicitor General and the Government of Canada. The CPSIN initiative received Cabinet approval in 1999 and specific systems modernization projects in most of the participating departments and agencies have been centrally funded.

3.2 CPSIN Leaders

The Deputy Solicitor General leads the implementation of CPSIN, as chair of our IJI Steering Committee. As members of this committee, we specifically provide oversight and direction to the CPSIN initiative.

3.3 CPSIN Manager

In order to effectively coordinate our efforts, the Executive Director of the Integrated Justice Information Secretariat (IJIS), provides executive support and facilitation to the overall achievement of CPSIN. This specifically includes leading policy and standards/common tools development and ensuring ongoing collaboration between the partners.

3.4 CPSIN Governance Structure

Our Steering Committee will provide oversight to the CPSIN initiative. We agree to designate one primary representative to an Interdepartmental Working Group, who will officially represent each of our department’s/agency’s interests. Other additional departmental/agency representatives, as required, may also be named. We further agree to provide representatives for any additional sub-committees required to implement CPSIN.

4 CPSIN APPROACH

4.1 Accountability

We have a collective responsibility toward CPSIN. Successful delivery of CPSIN entails the success of the individual projects. We understand that we will each have individual accountability for:

- our individual IM/IT projects and IJI deliverables;
- our organization’s collection and management of information for use in CPSIN;
- information being shared inside and outside of our organization;
- collaboration with our CPSIN partners on our individual projects.

4.2 Program Resources

We agree to work collaboratively to identify the best means for funding the development and operation of CPSIN.

4.3 Linkages

In our efforts to strengthen CPSIN, we will monitor and where possible take advantage of other related initiatives, such as the federal Government On-Line initiative and various provincial IJI initiatives.

4.4 Issues and Risks

We agree to identify and manage CPSIN issues and risks to ensure that the public’s interests are protected. Known CPSIN issues and risks include:

- *In the absence of formal interdepartmental management structures for a complex, multi-project initiative, securing the necessary CPSIN infrastructure and resource allocation will continue to be a challenge.* New ways of doing business and horizontal/shared sector management arrangements must be supported for CPSIN to be implemented.
- *Commitment to CPSIN may not be reflected throughout each of our organizations, particularly when performance agreements and internal communications do not promote achievement of the IJI vision.* CPSIN must be seen as a priority within our organizations for timely implementation to occur.

- *Necessary legislative changes may not occur in a timely fashion; cultural barriers may limit our staff’s full support and participation.* Funding for CPSIN policy work must be identified to allow timely and complete CPSIN implementation to occur.
- *Departments/agencies may ignore national criminal justice information policies, standards and guidelines.* Voluntary adherence to common policies and standards will positively influence the timing, overall cost and the number of partners integrated into CPSIN.
- *The consultation and collaborative work to achieve CPSIN may impact the timing of completing our individual projects.* Implementation of CPSIN requires additional consultation processes, not originally planned for in our individual projects, but essential in producing an effective and optimal CPSIN.
- *Lack of dedicated resources for overall CPSIN management limits the ability to critically evaluate the impacts of amendments to our individual projects, and to influence or prioritize amongst them.* Appropriate funding is required to achieve the full scope of CPSIN and realize all potential benefits.
- *Multiple new partners may generate conflicting or excessive new requirements.* We must plan the evolution and growth of CPSIN and maintain clear priorities, so that timely implementation and maximum CPSIN benefits may occur.

5 CHARTER SIGN-OFF AND AMENDING FORMULA

We agree that CPSIN is an evolving initiative requiring regular review and revision to ensure that it continues to meet our collective needs and the IJI vision. To this end, a minimum annual review of this Charter will be formally undertaken and at any time amendments/additions may be brought forward by any signatory. Such changes will be by a consensus.