

What NIEM Is:

Community-built

NIEM is an initiative born as a best practice developed by a handful of state and local practitioners. NIEM connects communities of people who share a common need to exchange information to advance their missions.

A way of information exchange comprising:

- A commonly understood way to connect data to improve government decision-making for the greater good. NIEM's data dictionary has approximately 5,000 accepted terms commonly used in an information exchange that is governed by a broad community among federal, state, local, tribal, international, and private sector partners.
- A well-tested and mature, repeatable, reusable process for developing information exchange requirements that improves efficiency, saves time, reduces costs, and advances and fulfills organizational missions.

What NIEM Is Not:

A standard

NIEM enables the creation of standardized exchanges of information as it moves between systems across agencies.

A database

NIEM does not store information.

Software

Only a Justice solution

NIEM has many domains, one of which is Justice, and continues to grow.

Strictly for federal government

NIEM is used by all 50 states as well as local government, private industry, and international organizations.

Intrusive to existing systems

NIEM allows organizations to leverage existing legacy infrastructure and move information quickly and effectively without rebuilding systems.

Unsupported

Integrated into the NIEM framework are ready-to-use methodologies, tools, training, data models, and an active practitioner community.