

Global Welcomes NACo into GAC Membership

The National Association of Counties ([NACo](#)) has accepted an invitation to join the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Advisory Committee (GAC). Mr. Steven W. Jennings, NACo Board of Directors member and Chief Information Officer (CIO), Harris County, Texas, has been named the Association's GAC representative

NACo is the national organization representing county governments in the United States, providing essential services to the nation's 3,066 counties. NACo advances national policies with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. NACo's membership totals more than 2,000 counties, representing over 80 percent of the nation's population. NACo is involved in a number of special projects that deal with such issues as drug abuse, broader access to health care, and homeland security.

The Association's longstanding history of representing local concerns; collaborating with agencies at all levels of government as well as private industry; and commitment to innovative solutions to pressing issues, such as public safety and justice information sharing will make NACo a valuable GAC partner.

Mr. Jennings is a familiar face within the Global community. He presented at the GAC Spring 2008 meeting, highlighting the value of information sharing (and, by extension, efforts of the Global Initiative) to local government executives. CIO Jennings' successful track record of working with Global partners to support common, national goals across government will make him a welcome addition to the committee.