

A photograph of the United States flag waving in the wind, set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The flag is the central focus, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The mountains are in the foreground, and the sky is a deep, clear blue.

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ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION SHARING
SERVICE**



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Overview

The Law Enforcement Information Sharing (LEIS) Service is a standards-based data exchange platform designed to aid investigations by allowing DHS and other law enforcement agencies to share pertinent, legally sharable case information more rapidly and extensively. The LEIS Service offers investigators a more efficient, automated system for obtaining information and helps to more quickly identify non-obvious relationships, patterns and connections between individuals and organizations. The LEIS service promotes DHS compliance with information exchange technical standards, including the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) standards for justice information, Department of Justice (DOJ) and DHS standards for law enforcement information, and the Federal Intelligence Community (IC) standards for intelligence information.

The benefit of the LEIS service and its law enforcement information sharing solution is it expands and appropriately engages all necessary participants at all levels: federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and international. Law enforcement information is often the most critical information for both solving cases as well as abating threats. Certainly the full fusion of law enforcement information contributes to strategic, tactical, and operational mission success and is critical within the investigative process. The solutions currently being driven by DHS are geared toward accommodating the needs and capabilities of the end user.

DHS has partnered with the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets) and the National Data Exchange (N-DEx) to provide U.S. and Canadian law enforcement agency subscribers the ability to access DHS sensitive but unclassified law enforcement information. This is accomplished this by providing connectivity between the DHS Law Enforcement Information Sharing (LEIS) Service and the Nlets or N-DEx computerized network(s) for transmitting automated criminal justice information.

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