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2006 Symposium Fast Approaching—Register Now! Cutting-edge Speakers and Sessions Featured

SACRAMENTO, California / February 23, 2006 — The *2006 Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing: Effective Decisionmaking for a Safer America* is just four weeks away! Given recent developments, this year's Symposium promises to be a groundbreaking event for the information sharing community. Don't miss this event, sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, and SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. It will be held March 13-15, 2006, at the Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.

The Symposium features over 36 plenary and panel sessions, and 134 speakers representing practitioners, policymakers, technologists, managers, and subject matter experts from throughout the nation and around the world. Key themes running throughout the Symposium will address best practices associated with Planning, Analysis, Implementation and Technology for information sharing. Featured speakers and sessions include:

- ∞ **U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff** will provide a Keynote Presentation on Tuesday morning;
- ∞ **Federal initiatives and their impact on state and local information sharing** activities are explored during a plenary session with the
 - Chair of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative
 - Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
 - Chief Information Officer for the U.S. Department of Justice
 - Chief Intelligence Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.
- ∞ Discussions of **Intelligence Fusion Center development** will include highly placed representatives of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Department of Homeland Security and leaders of Fusion Center operations in New York and Massachusetts
- ∞ **John Suffolk, Director General of the Criminal Justice Information Technology (CJIT) office** in the United Kingdom will present a Luncheon Keynote Presentation—**A Global Perspective on Information Sharing: The U.K. Experience**—profiling their £2.2 Billion *Joined-Up Justice* initiative
- ∞ **Mr. George Foresman, newly appointed and Senate confirmed Undersecretary for Preparedness**, Department of Homeland Security, will moderate a roundtable of Homeland Security Directors from Kentucky, California, Texas and Arizona
- ∞ Eleven **Case Study Sessions** will explore cutting-edge justice and public safety information sharing activities and lessons learned in: New Jersey, Maricopa County, Arizona, Missouri, United Kingdom, Wisconsin, Native American Tribal Communities, National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), FBI National Data Exchange (N-DEx), Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio.

And much, much more. Visit the symposium web site at www.search.org to see the full agenda, all the confirmed speakers, the latest symposium news and to **register now!**

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