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Title	**ISE Implementation Plan**
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Synopsis	The ISE Plan was developed to support the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004* (IRTPA), which required "the sharing of terrorism information in a manner consistent with national security and with applicable legal standards relating to privacy and civil liberties." This plan addresses eleven requirements set forth in Section 1016(e) of IRTPA and describes a three-year action plan for the Federal government to work with its state, local, and tribal (SLT), private sector, and foreign partners in a dynamic federated communication environment. The ISE consists of multiple sharing environments designed to serve the intelligence, law enforcement, defense, homeland security, and foreign affairs communities. Prior to the ISE (and prior to 9/11), each community developed its own information policies, procedures and systems to meet mission requirements and did not have coordinated and trusted interagency partnerships that created gaps in the sharing of information across all levels of government. The highest priority in creating the ISE was on facilitating, coordinating, and expediting access to protected terrorism information. The ISE requires a coordinated vision based on national policies, priorities, and partnerships, and a clear understanding of the operating framework, roles, and responsibilities for effective information sharing among all levels of government, the private sector, and our foreign partners. All organizations participating in the ISE must collectively support the following six goals: • Establish trusted partners across government, the private sector and foreign governments • Promote a culture of information sharing supported with education, training and awareness • Function in a decentralized, coordinated manner • Develop and deploy incremental information sharing solutions and functions • Enable the Federal government to speak with one voice on terrorism-related matters • Ensure sharing policies protect privacy and civil liberties

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As a result of this policy, the operating environment to achieve these goals leverages existing systems and capabilities, while at the same time mandates a coordinated, collaborative approach to appropriate terrorism information sharing among all ISE participants. The ISE is create a powerful national capability to share, search, and analyze terrorism information across jurisdictional boundaries and provide a distributed, secure, and trusted environment for transforming data into actionable information. It also significantly complicates the budgeting and contracts processes, which are not addressed in the plan.

The ISE must incorporate all types of data, at all levels of security. Therefore, it affects almost all information and data system requirements for Federal, SLT and private industry. To meet these requirements, Federal grants were established to promote the ISE goals particularly in DHS-designated Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) areas. Operational policies, business rules, and technologies are still being implemented to meet national security needs and the requirement to protect privacy and civil liberties. The ISE is a federated architecture implemented by the needs and missions of all participants and will not result in the construction of one government-wide computer system. It requires yearly reporting by the President to demonstrate compliance, making contract reporting an important issue to ensure that procurement of and investments in systems and technology are consistent with the ISE plan.

Topic Areas	Information Sharing/Interoperability Requirements
Web Reference	http://www.ise.gov/sites/default/files/ise-impplan-200611.pdf