

Integrated Justice Project (IJP)



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Business Vision

- ❑ a modern, effective, accessible justice system
- ❑ restructure Ontario's justice system to strengthen civil and criminal justice by:
 - reducing costs
 - anticipating significant changes to 'business of justice'
 - focusing on serious crime

The Public View

- ❑ justice services in Ontario are already “integrated”
- ❑ justice is administered in a sequential, orderly, technology-intensive series of well-defined processes
- ❑ courtrooms provide exciting drama
- ❑ everything is readily available in well-indexed and cross-referenced records

Case for Action

Justice system is labour intensive, paper driven & fragmented into separate information silos. It is characterized by:

- ❑ duplication
- ❑ delays in information transmittal
- ❑ information is difficult to access
- ❑ scheduling and case management bottlenecks

A “Holistic” Approach

- ❑ “paper dependence” issues are system wide
- ❑ currently difficult to share information across existing:
 - sectors (e.g. police, corrections, courts)
 - jurisdictions (e.g. local police services)
- ❑ system-wide approach allows best use of existing technologies
- ❑ information access vastly improved by system-wide approach

Our Approach

- ❑ partnership with:
 - Ontario Public Service
 - private sector
 - stakeholders: Bench, bar, police, public
- ❑ new procurement approach
 - shared risk and reward
 - use private sector expertise and capital
 - payback through operational savings
- ❑ consultative framework

The Private Sector Team

- ❑ SHL Systemhouse (MCI Worldcom)
- ❑ DMR Consulting Group Inc. (Amdahl Corp.)
- ❑ KPMG Canada
- ❑ Teranet Land Information Services, Inc.

The Business Agreement

- ❑ provides for eleven major system integration projects covering civil and criminal justice system
 - justice system architecture
 - E-filing and civil case management
 - police, crown and corrections case management
 - courtroom support services
 - common positive identification
 - information warehouse
- ❑ investment estimated at \$189 million over four years

Key Projects

- ❑ Courts
- ❑ Crown Case Management
- ❑ Corrections Case Management
- ❑ Police Case Management

Courts Project

- ❑ includes courtroom support, civil/family case management and criminal case management projects
- ❑ will determine how courts, courts administration and lawyers can get the greatest use and value from electronic information
- ❑ will also include electronic filing of and electronic access to court documents and automated court recording

Crown Case Management

- ❑ will create electronic system for scheduling resources, recording information and exchanging information with the police, courts and the private bar

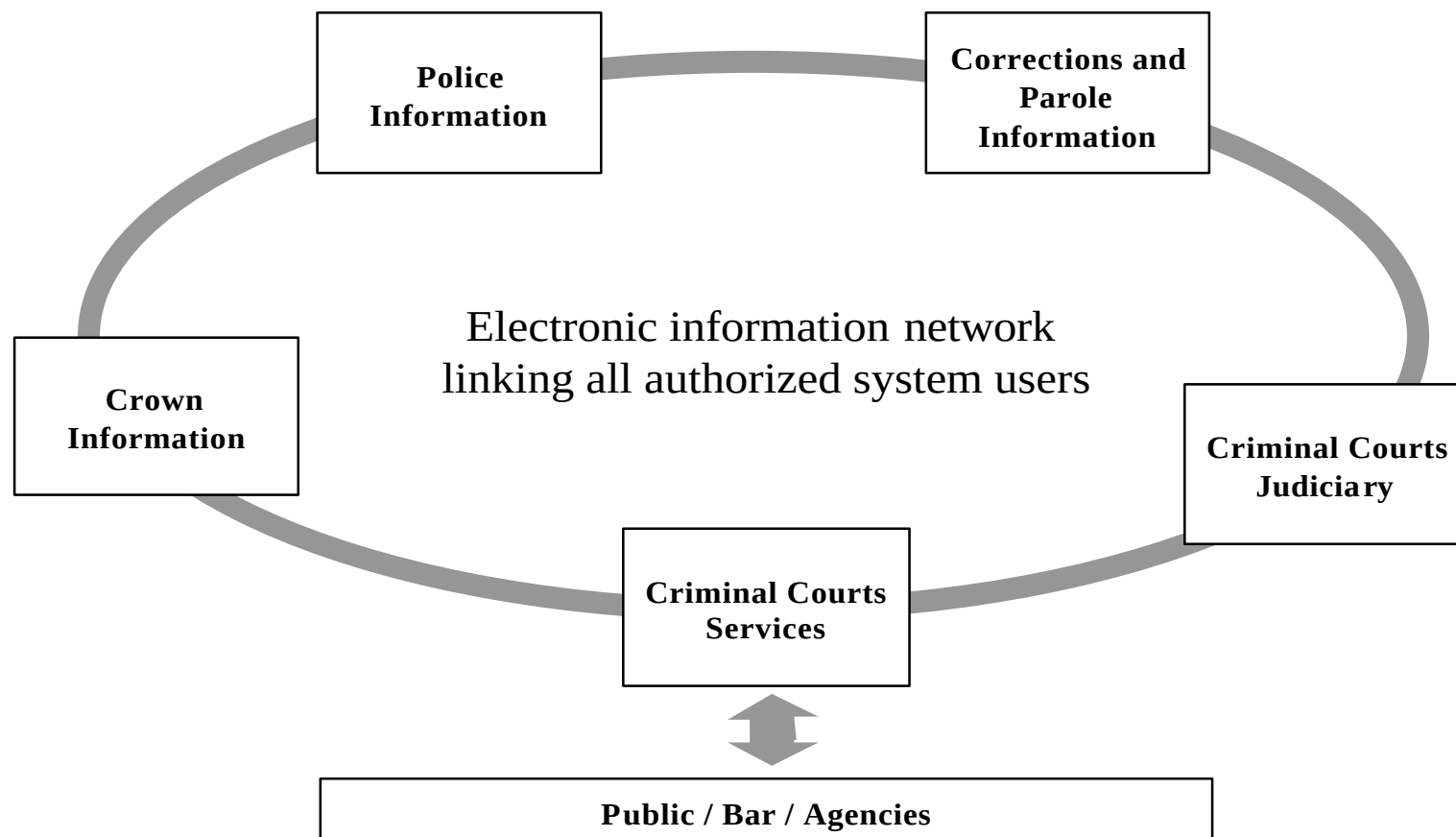
Police Case Management

- ❑ will reduce effort spent capturing information
- ❑ will find more efficient ways of sharing improved information across the justice system
- ❑ will give police officers on-line access to data and allow documents to be sent electronically

Corrections Case Management

- ❑ will enable more effective management of cases and programs within the Correctional Services Division
- ❑ will enable electronic sharing of information with other justice partners, e.g. courts, police
- ❑ will provide correctional staff with up-to-date offender information at the time of arrival at the institution

Project Linkages



Our Justice System in the Future Civil Courts System

- from counter service → electronic access
- from Monday to Friday 9 to 5 → anywhere, anytime access
- from paper data base → electronic data base
- from delays in moving files → anywhere, anytime access
- from cash register/ledger bookkeeping → electronic commerce, Interac, on-line banking, pre-authorized debits

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- from manual scheduling and timetabling adjustments → electronic scheduling
- from paper transcript → electronic availability

Our Justice System of the Future Criminal Courts

- ❑ reduced “paperwork” for all participants
- ❑ reduced overtime and other costs
- ❑ more complete and timely information available to police, crowns, courts, and corrections
- ❑ better access to information across jurisdictions
- ❑ improved community safety

Our Justice System in the Future

Crown Processes

- ❑ provides for the electronic transfer of the crown brief between the crown and police
- ❑ allows for electronic transfer of disclosure documents with defence counsel
- ❑ new case management tool will help crowns assign cases and schedule resources, track and monitor cases and case information, and provide offender and case/charge status information
- ❑ supports Victim/Witness Assistance Program to monitor cases, track clients, and prepare reports
- ❑ provides on-line access to provincial and federal statutes and judgments, and the automation of forms (e.g. indictments and subpoenas)

Our Justice System in the Future

Corrections system

- ❑ improved offender case management system gives parole/probations officers immediate access to case information in dealing with their clients
- ❑ P and P staff will have immediate access to all pertinent history information when making program decisions
- ❑ institutions staff will have access to offence, offender, and disposition information electronically, before the individual arrives at the correctional site
- ❑ access to positive ID provided by the police, linked to criminal history and previous behaviour while incarcerated, will allow for more informed decisions when dealing with offender

Our Justice System in the Future

The people of Ontario

Safer Communities

- ❑ more police time fighting crime, less time fighting paperwork
- ❑ better information sharing with other forces and corrections will reduce likelihood of inappropriate release from custody
- ❑ electronic mug shot will allow for more tailored computer searches for suspect
- ❑ access to family court orders around the clock will improve decisions at late night domestic or custody disputes

Our Justice System in the Future

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Improved Access to justice system

- ❑ better and speedier availability of information and more timely criminal trials will:
 - reduce continued trauma for victims and witnesses,
 - result in fewer cases at risk of dismissal due to system delay
- ❑ civil cases will be resolved within 12 months
- ❑ electronic filing of documents will allow filing 7 days a week, 22 hours per day

Example

Potential Improvements for Ontario Board of Parole (OBP)

- ❑ electronically schedule parole hearings
- ❑ electronically access pre-parole reports
- ❑ electronically access clinical reports and institutional file
- ❑ directly access police and CPIC information; Fire Marshall's Report

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- ❑ enter parole certificates on system for access by other justice partners
- ❑ notify institution that certificate is ready
- ❑ access probation and parole officer electronic casenotes as needed
- ❑ issue electronic warrant directly to police
- ❑ send notifications to corrections/police