Fellowship Announcement:
Office of the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE)
Public Safety Information Sharing Officer

Announcement and FAQ

The Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment is advertising for a brand-new position to support our office’s work with the law enforcement community. This position will serve in a fellowship capacity titled as Public Safety Information Sharing Officer. It will support the office by working with multiple initiatives relating to national security, and will enable an officer to live and work in the National Capitol Region. The Officer will support and accelerate our work with State and local law enforcement stakeholders and private sector partners, in coordination with other federal partners, to advance the vision of national security and public safety through responsible information sharing.

We are accepting applications at outreach@ise.gov for this position. Encourage anyone interested to apply to that address and we will ensure any applications received are processed. You can also visit www.ise.gov for information about the Office of the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE).

Overview:

The fellowship is a one year commitment, with option for another year, to the Office of the PM-ISE. The PM-ISE is administratively assigned to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. This program will closely mirror NCTC’s Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) program for State, local and tribal officers. It will be based in Washington, DC, and the selected Officer will work out of PM-ISE’s office in the National Capital Region.

- The program is open only to current employees from a U.S. state, local, tribal, or territorial government department or agency. The program is not open to contractors. Applicants must be on a state, local, tribal, or territorial payroll and remain on that payroll for the duration of the fellowship.
- There are no salary and benefits reimbursement to home agency for participating fellows. Fellows remain on their department’s or agency’s payroll and return to their home agencies at the conclusion of the fellowship.
- Per data access agreements, participants will not serve as direct liaisons or information conduits to their home agencies. Participants will represent the broad information sharing requirements of law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health communities at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of government to ISE Stakeholders and Mission Partners.
- The applicant must be willing to successfully undergo a Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) security clearance screening and associated polygraph. Final on boarding can range from 9-15 months depending on the Applicant’s current security clearance and the security screening process.

Here is detailed information that can help explain the program to home agency leadership and assist with the application process.
What’s the Office of the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE)?

The Information Sharing Environment (ISE) provides integrated, shared terrorism-related information to analysts, operators, and investigators across the law enforcement, public safety, homeland security, intelligence, defense, and foreign affairs communities. The ISE facilitates information sharing among federal agencies; across levels of government - federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial; and with private sector partners and foreign allies. The PM-ISE staff works with these communities to oversee the implementation of management, discovery, fusing, and sharing of terrorism-related information in addition to watchlisting, screening, cybersecurity, and transnational organized crime. The ISE focuses on mission processes, anywhere in the United States, that are likely to impact detecting, preventing, disrupting, responding to, or mitigating terrorist activity. Related mission areas are, but not limited to: homeland security, law enforcement, weapons of mass destruction, and cybersecurity. The PM-ISE is administratively housed in the ODNI and directly supports the National Security Council staff and offices within the Executive Office of the President. Refer to www.ise.gov for more information.

**PM-ISE’s Vision:** National Security and Public Safety through responsible information sharing

**PM-ISE’s Goals:** 1) Advance responsible information sharing to further counterterrorism, homeland security, and cybersecurity missions, 2) Improve nationwide decision making by transforming from information ownership to stewardship, 3) Promote partnerships across federal, state, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and internationally

The Office of the PM-ISE seeks successful, motivated supervisory/command level managers with interest in supporting oversight of a wide range of Federal, State, local, tribal, private sector and industry operational missions and their implementation of information sharing and interoperability tools. PM-ISE directly supports and interacts daily with agencies and organizations throughout the government from the Executive Office of the President to Federal, State, Local, and Tribal partners.

Serving with the PM-ISE provides significant professional growth opportunity for individuals with management experience and/or strong interest in areas of accelerating information sharing and safeguarding capabilities. The Fellow will have the opportunity to directly support implementation of related National Strategies, PM-ISE priorities and projects conducted in collaboration with the National Security Staff, Office of Management and Budget, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and international partners within the law enforcement, intelligence, defense homeland security, and diplomatic communities.

There will be exciting and demanding opportunities to assist with high priority projects that support staff accomplishments in information sharing and safeguarding projects, governance, and further develop important mission partner relationships. We want high potential officers to help us achieve the long-term ISE vision – National Security and Public Safety through Responsible Information Sharing. The PM-ISE work environment is fast paced, with a broad span of government-wide responsibilities; tough national problems to solve; rapidly changing priorities; and relatively unstructured.

**Location and Facilities:**

The PM-ISE staff and ODNI operations are situated in downtown Washington DC, walking distance from the White House and multiple metro rail lines. Its location is optimally suited for its principally unclassified interagency mission with its principals and staff daily meeting with mission partners at the White House, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, and downtown headquarters of its federal interagency partners.
The PM-ISE at its downtown location is where public safety management professionals—law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health officials—are making a difference in many national information sharing mission communities of interest.

**Qualifications of a Public Safety Information Sharing Officer:**

Information Sharing Officers are active State, local, tribal, and territorial First Responders and Public Safety Professionals and members of professional Associations from around the country, working side-by-side with FSLTT managers across the Nation to accelerate the implementation of a counterterrorism and public safety focused ISE.

Applicants must be a current employee from a U.S. state, local, tribal, or territorial (SLTT) department or agency and possess a working knowledge of the terrorism and homeland security information needs of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners.

Applicant should have at least seven years of supervisory/command level experience at the state, local, tribal, or territorial middle or senior level management in one or more of the following areas: law enforcement, multiagency task forces, long-term investigations, public safety, intelligence, critical infrastructure protection, or information sharing/homeland security.

**What do participants do at PM-ISE?**

Major duties:

- Lead and liaise on national-level ISE initiatives to accelerate significant counter-terrorism, law enforcement, transnational organized crime, and cybersecurity projects with potential impact to local or regional public safety conditions in the United States
- Develop policies, procedures, guidelines, rules, and standards to enhance and foster effective operation of the ISE.
- Coordinate government-wide procedures, guidelines, functional standards, and instructions for the management, development and operation of the ISE.
- Conduct ISE outreach to strengthen partnerships with SLTT partners to further enhance the awareness of the SLTT role in counterterrorism and homeland security
- Liaise with the five major ISE stakeholder communities – intelligence, defense, homeland security, law enforcement and foreign affairs (20+ federal agencies) - in the ISE: state/local/tribal, private sector, foreign allies and partners, and leaders and staffs of the National Security Council and the Office of Management and Budget.
- Oversee the analysis of significant information sharing issues and initiatives.
- Leverage subject matter experts to address specific programmatic issues related to information sharing.
- Advise senior leadership, collaborate with other PM-ISE managers

**How long is the fellowship?**

Twelve (12) months, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months, pending finalized security and logistical requirements.

**What accommodations and reimbursements are associated with the fellowship for those outside the local area?**

Fellows who do not reside within the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area (WMA) will receive temporary quarters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, a rental car and 75% of the Washington DC per diem rate.

We will pay travel to Washington, DC to start your tour and travel home at the conclusion of your tour. We will also pay for up to four home trips during your tour.
All other expenses and the participant’s salary are the responsibility of the fellow’s sponsoring agency.

Why should my agency and/or Association participate?

Participating fellows return to their home agencies and departments with:

- Deep insights into US efforts to develop government-wide information sharing and safeguarding capabilities
- Enhanced understanding of government-wide information sharing landscape—roles, missions, capabilities, and current initiatives—that can be leveraged to support local efforts
- Ability to provide leadership on initiatives and efforts of critical importance to your agency and its stakeholders to drive unity of effort in a distributed, decentralized, and coordinated manner.
- Strong understanding of the federal government’s programmatic cycle and how these processes might impact officer safety, training requirements, equipment purchases, staffing, and resource decisions in your agency or department
- Network of recognized information sharing and safeguarding experts drawn from professional interactions across multiple federal agencies and SLTT senior leaders
- Critical thinking, project management, and analytic skills developed through participation in on-the-job training, and exposure to our Nation’s senior leadership

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Attach your resume and one (1) letter of recommendation from the chief executive of your department or agency addressing your qualifications for the fellowship, a departmental/agency commitment to allow you to participate, and an understanding that the fellowship does NOT reimburse salary and benefits to the home agency.
- Send your complete application package (resume and letter of recommendation) to outreach@ise.gov
- PM-ISE will develop candidates and coordinate selection via consultation with the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council and related forums.

QUESTIONS?

Please call our Chief of Staff, Nick Harris, at 202-331-4060 or email us at outreach@ise.gov if you have any additional questions. We look forward to hearing from you!