Global LI Industry Forum Overview

The Global LI Industry Forum is an independent non-profit trade association whose mission is to promote the worldwide awareness, responsible development, and marketplace growth for Lawful Interception (LI) products and services.

Around the world, LI requirements including treaties and multilateral agreements, exist to discover and provide trusted information by providers of communication network services or their legal agents, both as i) *a priori* capabilities supported in provider systems and ii) in response to judicial warrants or production orders. In the USA, LI is frequently referred to as Lawfully Authorized Electronic Surveillance (LAES), of which a subset category is the CALEA requirements placed on telecommunication carriers by the FCC and FBI.

The customers for these services include Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs), national security agencies, or (where a private corporate or government network facility is involved) the party responsible for a private network. LEAs typically encompass police or investigative agencies, prosecutors, and judicial bodies. The LEA actions are generally criminal proceedings, but in some cases, civil.

LI products and services are critically important investigative capabilities encompassing: 1) subscriber information and administrative records, 2) stored traffic data, 3) collection of real-time traffic data (also called Intercept Related Information (IRI) or "call-identifying information" in the USA), or 4) collection of real-time content (also called Communications Content (CC) or "call content" in the USA). Where public services are involved, the discovered information is provided to LEAs pursuant to lawful process. The basis for these requests are carefully controlled through judicial and administrative procedures and review.

The Global LI Industry Forum accomplishes its mission by

- providing an effective means for vendors of LI products and services to cooperate in matters of common interest
- sharing information globally among service providers, product manufacturers, standards bodies, law enforcement agencies, legislative authorities, and research institutions
cooperating with other LI-related organizations and forums - especially those facilitating interoperability of LI products and services
- developing additional global LI industry technical specifications and schemas to the extent necessary
- preparing and publishing educational materials
- hosting or sponsoring workshops, tradeshows, and other events

Global LI Industry Forum membership is open to companies worldwide who provide Lawful Interception products and services in the marketplace. Representatives of cooperating LI-related government agencies may also join as non-voting members. See About GLIIF for additional information.

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