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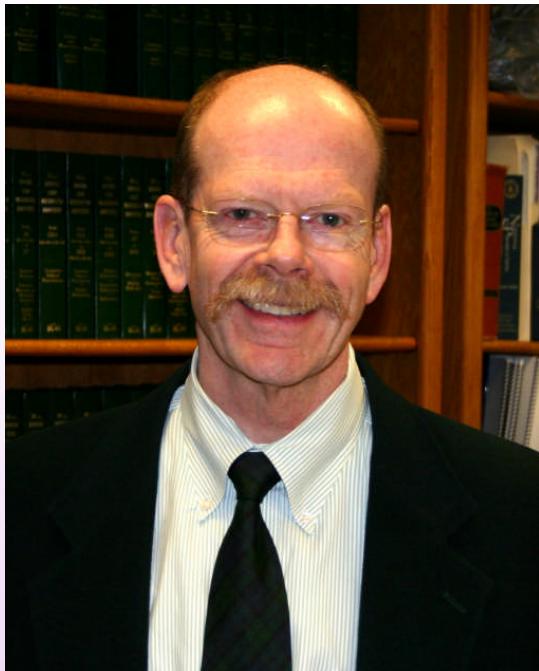
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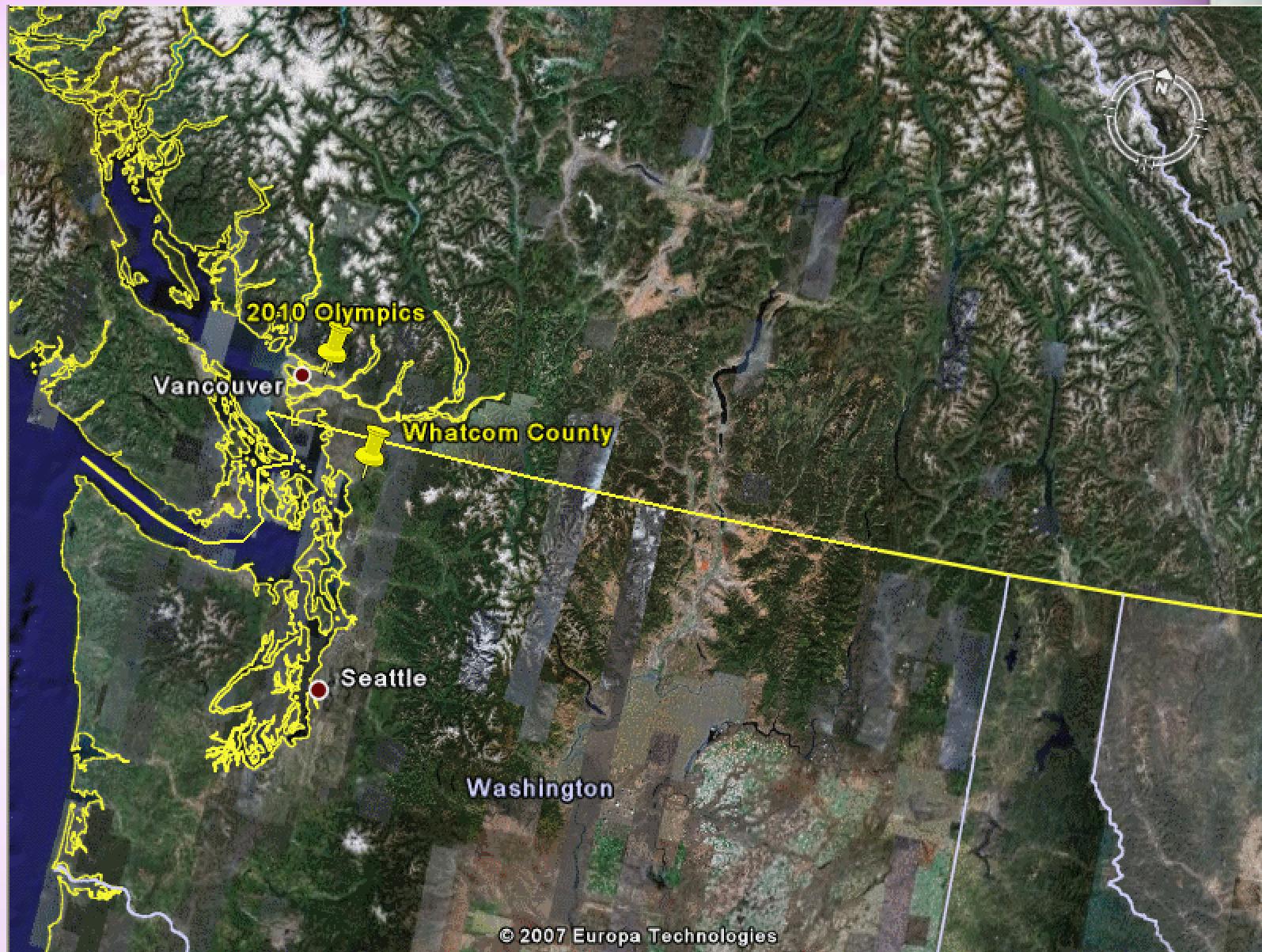
Real Time Data
Sharing

Whatcom Exchange Network
Multi-Jurisdictional Data Integration Project

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PARTNERSHIPS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY!





THE VISION

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LJC MIS Committee Vision Statements:

1. Provide a single source for law and justice information. ✓ **DONE**
2. Provide an easily expandable system that accommodates all members of the law and justice community with little additional financial cost.
✓ **DONE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL GRANTS**
3. Create a system that will allow for eventual information exchange with the state and federal justice systems. ✓ **DONE**
4. Allow individual agencies to keep their current computer systems. ✓ **DONE**
5. Provide critical information on a real time basis to the local law and justice community. ✓ **DONE**



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6. Increase accountability by users of the system by creating an audit trail of all inquiries and data entry. **✓ *DONE***
7. Utilize proven technology that is flexible enough to adapt to technological improvements. ***ON GOING***
8. Improved accuracy of information ***TBD***
9. Reduction of data entry **✓ *FOUNDATION COMPLETE***
10. Freeing up staff for other duties. ***POTENTIAL TIME SAVINGS***
11. Provide the foundation for the development of other projects such as mobile field reporting for law enforcement ***FOUNDATION COMPLETE***



WHAT IS WENET?

Whatcom Exchange Network

- **Complex & Comprehensive**
 - There is no off the shelf product that has the strength and depth or complexity of the WENET Sharing System
- **Distributed Query**
 - WENET facilitates real or near real time info sharing via a sophisticated distributed query system with each agency in total control of their data.
- **Provides Access To All Available Data**
 - The WENET Portal is the Point of Contact for “One Stop Shopping” for all participating Law & Justice Agencies in Whatcom County.
- **Meets The Federal Sharing Standards**
 - Global Justice XML Data Model



Federal Global Justice XML Data Model Compliance



- The WENET project has currently mapped to approximately 1075 fields of data adapting them to the federal global justice sharing standards from three county agency databases and the Bellingham Police Department Longarm database.
- The mapping for those agencies has made each agency software Global Justice XML compliant which is a separate federal mandate for any data sharing with local, state, federal and international systems not just the WENET project.

WHAT IS WENET?



WENET IS:

- A SECURE METHOD TO SHARE INFORMATION
- A FEDERALLY STANDARDIZED PROCESS
- A LOOK AND LEAVE APPROACH TO SHARING
- A PROCESS THAT STANDARDIZED THE DATA FOR INTEGRATION BETWEEN AGENCIES

Whatcom Exchange NETwork

WENET IS NOT:

- A DATABASE
- A DATA WAREHOUSE
- MULTIPLE AGENCIES ON A COMMON RMS SYSTEM
- A PIECE OF SOFTWARE
- A PROPRIETARY TOOL
- OWNED BY ANY ONE ENTITY
- LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION ONLY

WHAT INFORMATION IS SHARED?



Individual Agency Decides

- Each agency decides and controls the information it shares from their Records Management System. There is no requirement by the project for how much or what to share - each agency decides and controls the sharing for that agency.

22 Years of Available Information



Established Service Points

Bellingham PD – All Records from July 1999 to date

Whatcom County Sheriff – All Records from 1984 to date

Whatcom County Jail – All Booking Records from 1985 to date

Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office – All Records from 1989 to date

Next Service Points

Lynden PD – 47,200 Records

Blaine PD – 57,700 Records

Ferndale PD – 55,800 Records

HOW IS WENET FUNDED?

With the support of the Whatcom County Law & Justice Council, including the Chiefs of Police and Sheriff and elected officials in each jurisdiction...

Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen successfully lobbied local and national legislators and secured a NIJ grant for \$993,500.00. That funding stream started in February of 2004.

Executive Kremen again successfully lobbied and secured a second BJA grant to run from June 2005 through May 2007 for \$493,322.00 – A spending extension has been requested



HOW HAS THE MONEY BEEN SPENT??



- **Grant #1 (NIJ) Summary (Spent)**
 - 68% to Professional Services/Contracts & Consulting
 - 22% to Full and Part Time Personnel, Salaries and Benefits
 - 8% to Equipment – hardware and software
 - 2 % to Administrative & Operating costs

- **Grant #2 (BJA) Budget Summary (On Going)**
 - 57% to Professional Services/Contracts & Consulting
 - 23% to Full and Part time Personnel, Salaries and Benefits
 - 14% to Equipment Purchases
 - 6% to Administrative & Operating costs

THE EXCHANGE PROCESS

INTEGRATED DATA

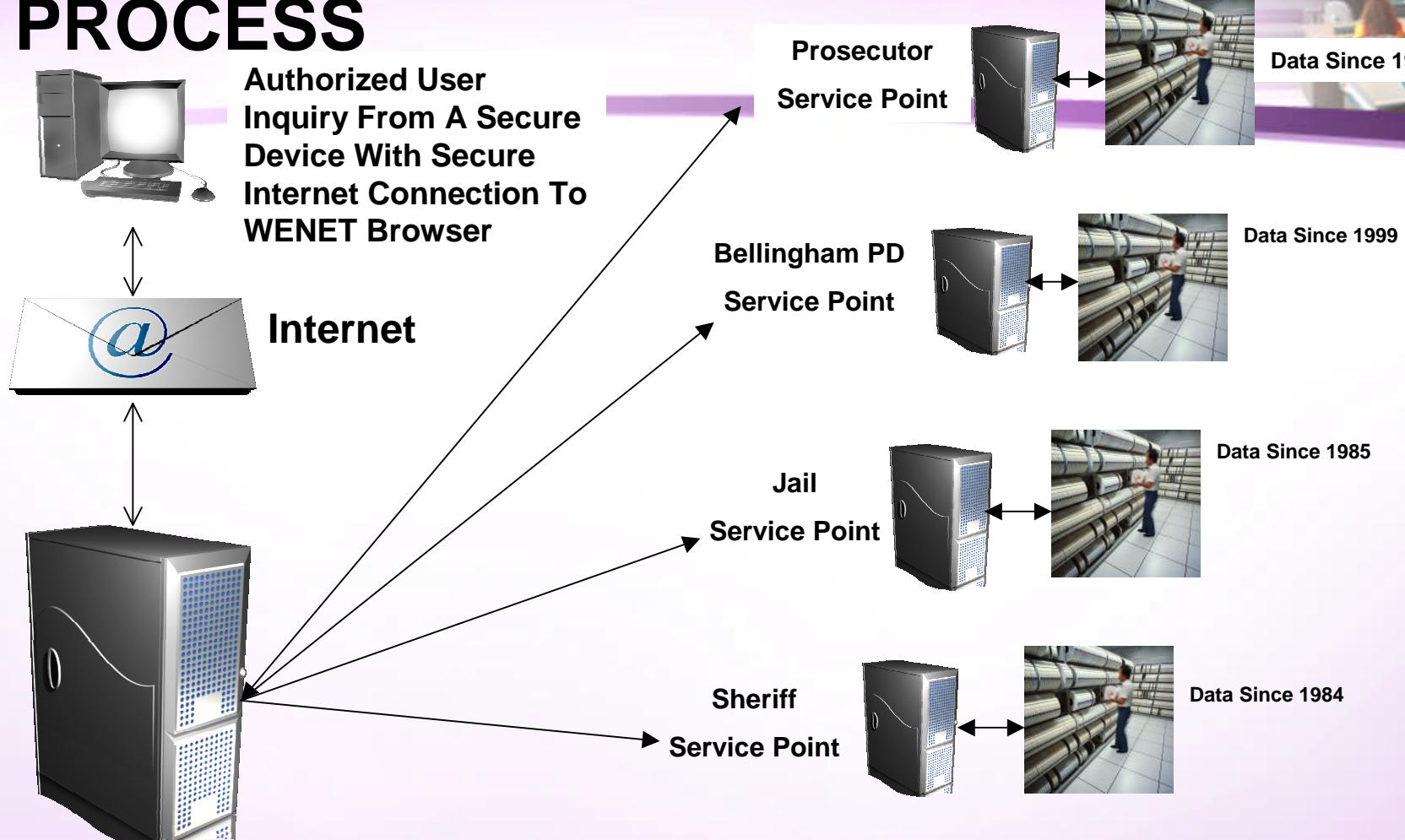
INTEROPERABLE PROCESS

SHARED CONNECTION – A LOOK & LEAVE PROCESS

SHARED INFORMATION ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY

This is How it Works

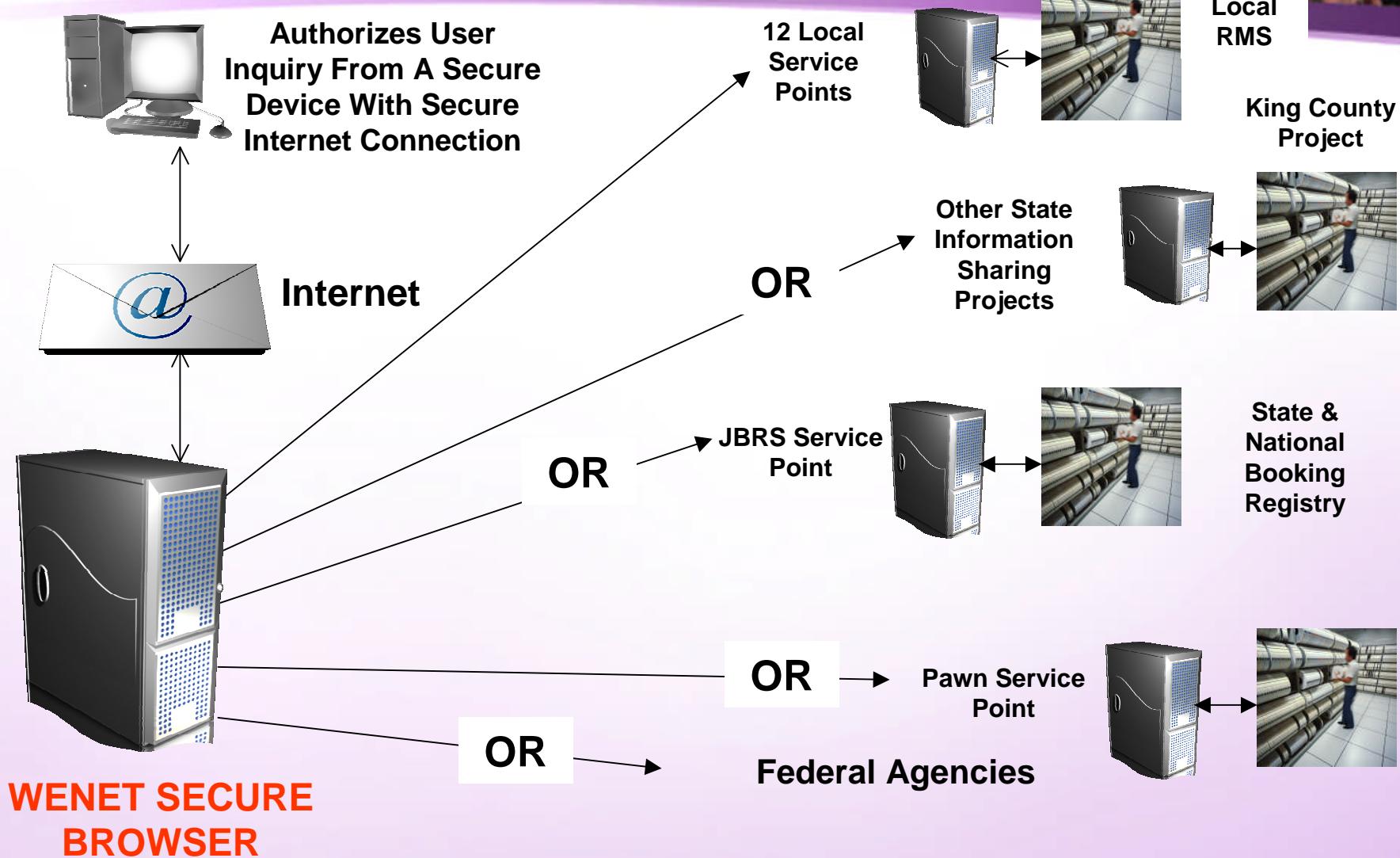
THE DISTRIBUTED INQUIRY PROCESS



**WENET SECURE
PORTAL**

**Simultaneous
Inquiry/Return**

WENET BROWSER INFORMATION PORTRAL



LIVE DEMONSTRATION



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Bellingham Police Department
Whatcom County Sheriff Department
Whatcom County Jail
Whatcom County Prosecutor Office

What Is Next?



- ✓ Respond to User Input**
- ✓ Continue GJXDM Mapping of Other Law & Justice Agency Systems Exposing More Data to Share With Existing Funding**
- ✓ Complete Connections to Other Local, State, Federal & Tribal Agencies in Whatcom County for Viewing Data**
- ✓ Develop A Business Plan That Provides Long Term Sustainability**

WENET IS REALITY NOT JUST AN IDEA!



Thank You For Your Commitment, Patience & Support!!



David McEachran,
County Prosecutor



Randy Carroll
Bellingham Police Chief



Bill Elfo
Sheriff

Pete Kremen
County Executive



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Questions?

