



National Institute of Justice

Operational Technology Evaluation

Evaluating Technology in the Field

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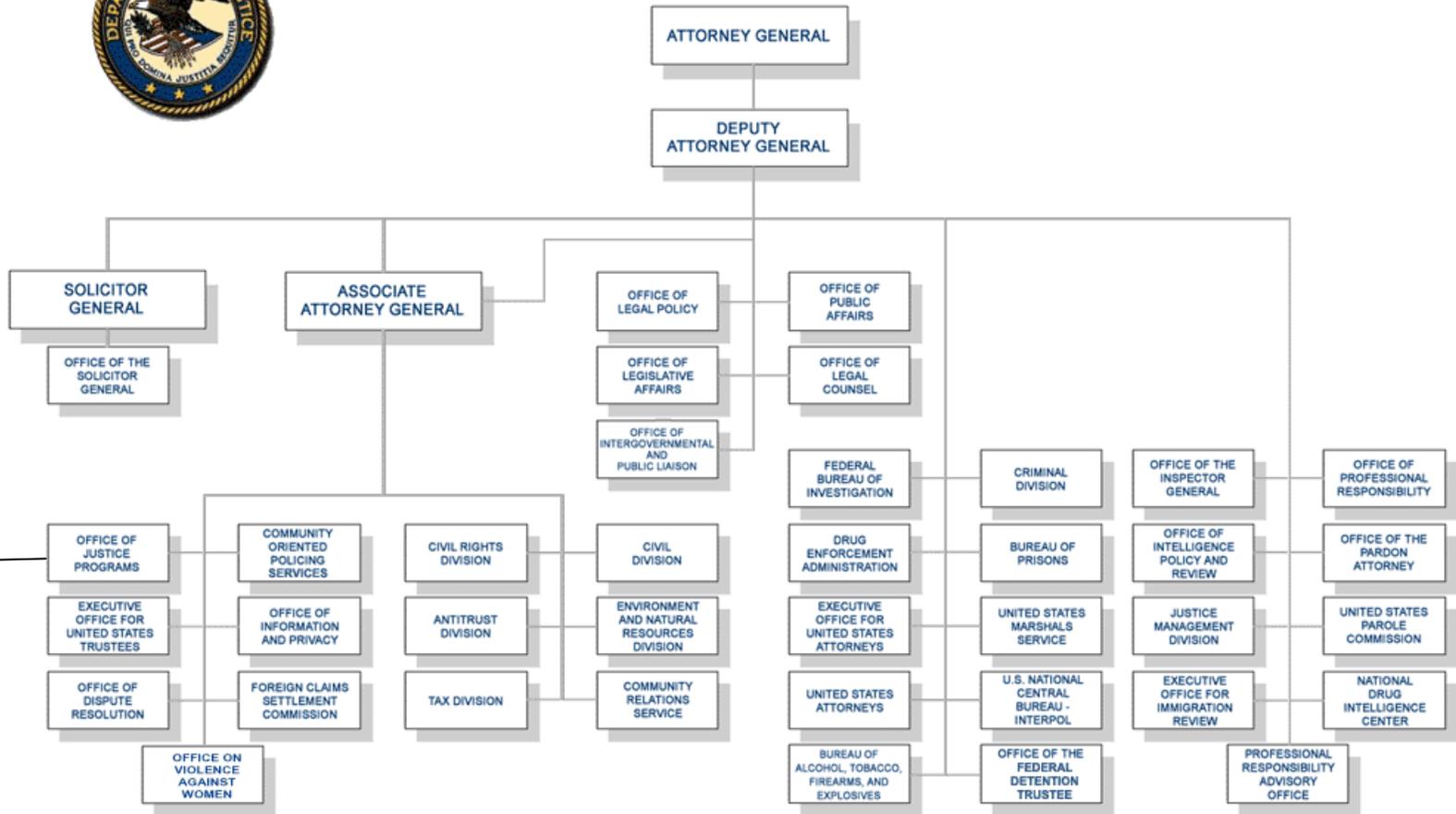
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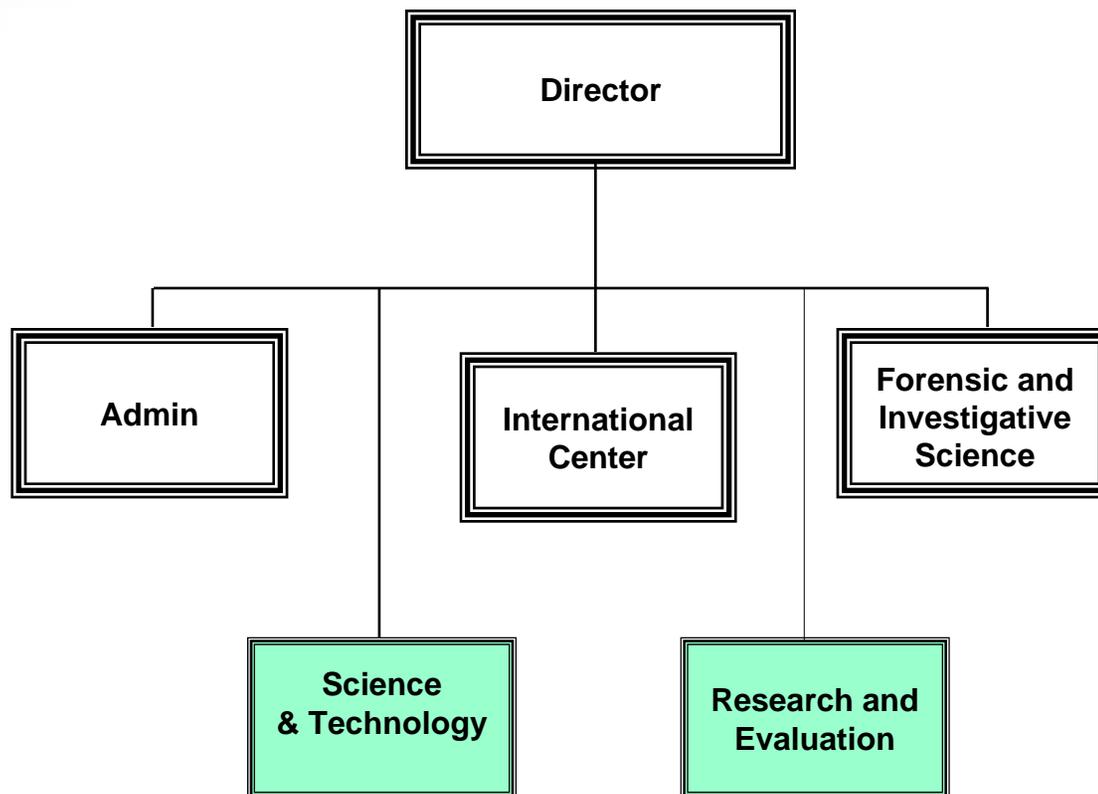
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- National Institute of Justice
- Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Office for Victims of Crime
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention





NIJ Structure





Purpose

Answer the “So What?” Question

Eliminate “solution in search of a problem”

Avoid reliance on anecdotal “evidence”

Test technology in an operational environment

Benefit from past experience, build “what works”
knowledge base, and provide a net-working
community for the practitioner



THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROCESS

National Security Community



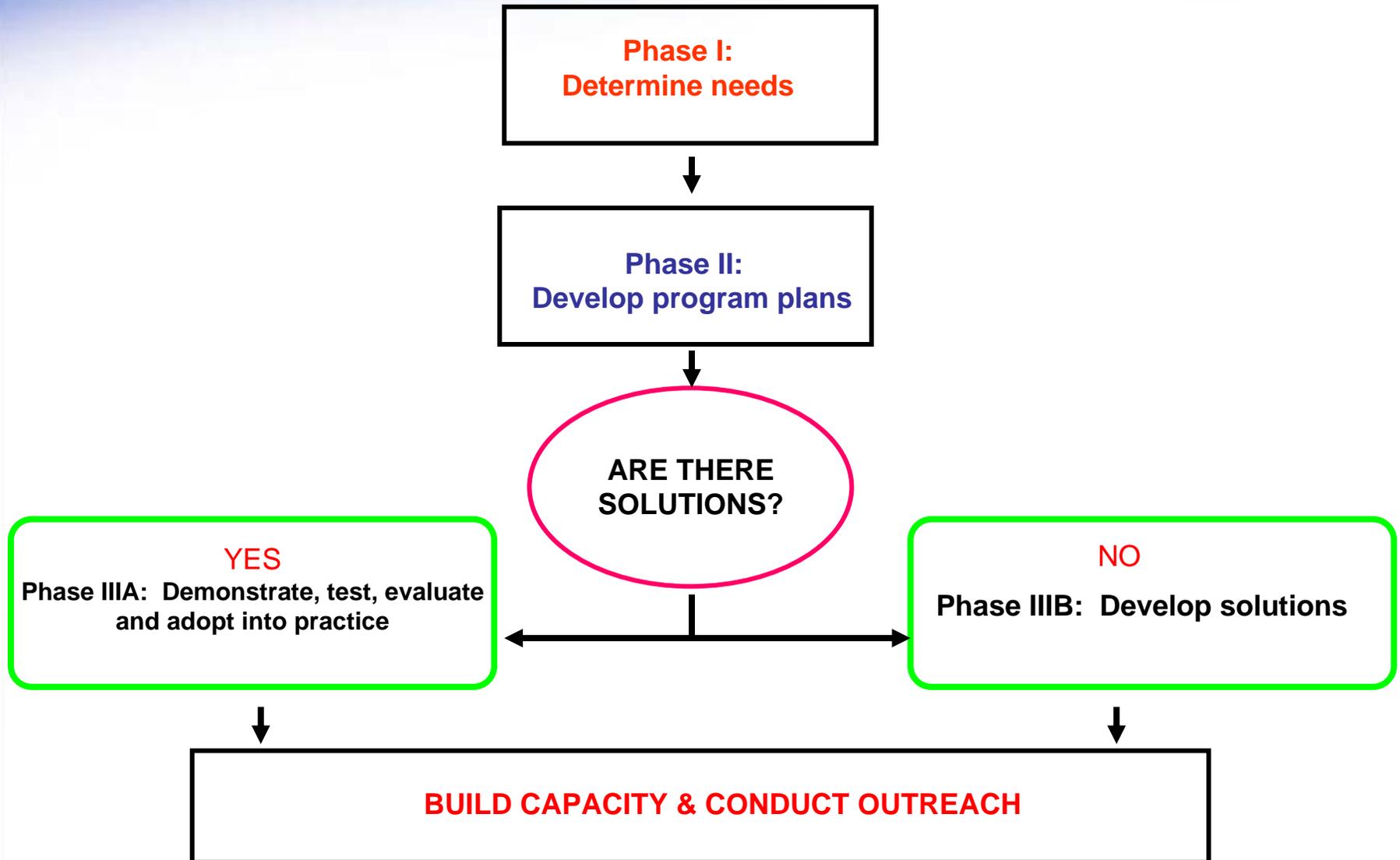
Local Criminal Justice Community

- Collaboration and coordination
 - Leverage other agencies' investments
 - Avoid unnecessary duplication
- Invest in the highest payoff
- Invest in the gaps
- Develop Strategic Partnerships





RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS





Collaboration

Federal Partners

- Department of Homeland Security; Department of Defense
- Bureau of Prisons; Federal Communications Commission; National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Local Partners

- Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
- Mississippi Department of Corrections

Vendors

Professional Organizations

- Sheriff's Association; Association of State Correctional Administrators; American Probation and Parole Association



Evaluation Partnerships

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National
Institute of Justice

Brookline
Police Department

Private/Public
Partnership

Technology Center of
Excellence



Impact of Operational Evaluations

- Provide insight into technology transferability
- Reduce need for duplication of technology testing and evaluation across agencies
- Develop uniform standards for equipment and technology
- Allow cross-technology and cross-vendor comparisons
- Disseminate findings to a wide audience



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