current information and increases its ability to comply with all the pertinent rules in all relevant jurisdictions.

[0004a] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer-implemented method for identifying a compliance rule and receiving an update to the compliance rule, the method comprising creating metadata associated with a compliance rule in a compliance document; creating a transmission object by incorporating data corresponding to only select portions of the compliance document, wherein the data incorporated into the transmission object includes the metadata associated with the compliance rule; sending the transmission object; and receiving, in response to the step of sending the transmission object, a notification identifying an update to the compliance rule.

[0004b] According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer-based system for receiving updates to a compliance rule referenced in a compliance document while preserving privacy, the system comprising an incorporation module configured to create a transmission object using metadata associated with key terms or phrases in the compliance document without including specific policies regarding the compliance rule in the compliance document; a review module configured to present the metadata to a user for approval; and an update module configured to receive a notification conveying an update to the compliance rule in the compliance document.

[0004c] According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a device comprising means for identifying a compliance rule in compliance documents pertinent to a satellite location of an entity; means for transmitting a portion of the compliance documents that includes the compliance rule to the satellite location, the portion of the compliance documents including a request for a set of information regarding whether the satellite location is adhering to the compliance rule; means for receiving the request at the satellite location; means, responsive to the request, for generating the set of information regarding whether the satellite location is adhering to the compliance rule; means for transmitting the set of information to the entity; and means for receiving the set of information at the entity.

[0005] While multiple embodiments are disclosed, still other embodiments of the present invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description, which shows and describes illustrative embodiments of the invention. Accordingly, the drawings and detailed description are to be regarded as illustrative in nature and not restrictive.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] Fig. 1 illustrates an exemplary networked environment in accordance with embodiments of the present invention and in which embodiments of the present invention may operate.

[0007] Fig. 2A illustrates an exemplary computer in accordance with embodiments of the present invention.

[0008] Fig. 2B illustrates an exemplary computer server in accordance with embodiments of the present invention.

[0009] Fig. 3 illustrates a flow chart depicting steps for completing a template and creating a transmission object according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0010] Fig. 4 illustrates software modules that may be used to perform some of the steps illustrated in the flow chart of Fig. 3.

[0011] Fig. 5 illustrates a flow chart depicting steps for receiving a transmission object and compiling and sending a notification reflecting a rule or a change to a rule using that transmission object according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0012] Fig. 6 illustrates software modules that may be used to perform some of the steps illustrated in the flow chart of Fig. 5.

[0013] Fig. 7 illustrates a flow chart depicting steps for transmitting updated compliance documents to satellite locations according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0014] Fig. 8 illustrates a flow chart depicting steps for completing and transmitting compliance documents according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0015] While the invention is amenable to various modifications and alternative forms, specific embodiments have been shown by way of example in the drawings and are described in detail below. The intention, however, is not to limit the invention to the particular embodiments described. On the contrary, the invention is intended to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.