

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-based system for receiving information regarding an entity and automatically forwarding a compliance rule pertinent to the entity, the computer-based system comprising a transmission object receiver configured to receive a transmission object, wherein the transmission object includes information regarding an entity; a compliance rules database containing data regarding a set of compliance rules; a compare module configured to identify a compliance rule applicable to the entity using the data in the compliance rules database and the information in the transmission object; a notification compilation module configured to compile a notification indicative of the identified compliance rule; and a transmitter configured to transmit the notification.

**[0004b]** According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer-implemented method for informing an entity of an update associated with a compliance rule, the method comprising receiving a transmission object; identifying information in the transmission object corresponding to at least one of the following: a compliance rule associated with an entity's operations, a topic associated with the entity's operations, and a jurisdiction associated with the entity's operations; searching a compliance rules database containing updates to a set of compliance rules to identify an update that is pertinent to the compliance rule, the topic, or the jurisdiction; creating a notification that includes the update; and sending the notification.

**[0004c]** According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer-readable medium containing instructions that, when executed, cause one or more processors to perform the following: create a template; send the template; receive a transmission object created by an entity using the template; analyze the transmission object to identify data related to a compliance rule in a compliance document; analyze data in a compliance rules database to identify an update to the compliance rule using the identified data in the transmission object; and incorporate the update to the compliance rule into a notification along with at least some data from the transmission object.

**[0004d]** According to a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided A system for updating a compliance document, the system comprising means for receiving a transmission object, the transmission object identifying a topic pertinent to a compliance rule; means for maintaining a compliance rules database that includes metadata identifying topics pertinent to a

set of updated compliance rules; means for identifying an updated compliance rule in the set of updated compliance rules using the transmission object; means for creating and transmitting a notification incorporating the updated compliance rule.

**[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.