#### **National Drug Intelligence Center**

The National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), established in 1993, is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice and a member of the Intelligence Community. The General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan, implemented in February 2000, designated NDIC as the nation's principal center for strategic domestic counterdrug intelligence.

#### **NDIC's Mission**

- To support national policymakers and law enforcement decisionmakers with strategic domestic drug intelligence
- To support Intelligence Community counterdrug efforts
- To produce national, regional, and state drug threat assessments

#### **Intelligence Products**

Threat assessments, NDIC's primary intelligence products, provide policymakers and counterdrug executives with timely, predictive reports of the threat posed by illicit drugs in the United States.

The National Drug Threat Assessment, NDIC's major intelligence product, is a comprehensive, annual report on national drug trafficking and abuse trends within the United States. The assessment identifies the primary drug threat to the nation, monitors fluctuations in consumption levels, tracks drug availability by geographic market, and analyzes trafficking and distribution patterns. The report highlights the most current quantitative and qualitative information on availability, demand, production and cultivation, transportation, and distribution, as well as the effects of a particular drug on abusers and society as a whole.

**State Drug Threat Assessments** provide a detailed threat assessment of drug trends within a particular state. Each report identifies the primary drug threat in

the state and gives a detailed overview of the most current trends by drug type.

**The Narcotics Digest Weekly** is distributed to law enforcement agencies on a regular basis to provide current intelligence as well as indications and warnings of emerging drug trends.

**Information Bulletins** are developed in response to new trends or high-priority drug issues. They are quickly relayed to the law enforcement and intelligence communities and are intended to warn law enforcement officials of emerging trends.

The Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly is an abstract index listing titles of counterdrug publications from various federal, state, and local agencies. It includes military reports, intelligence memorandums, white papers, and targeted studies submitted by various agencies.

#### **Intelligence Division**

The Intelligence Division consists of six geographic units and four specialized units. The six geographic units correspond to the regions of the Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program and concentrate on drug trafficking and abuse. The four specialized units



include the Drug Trends Analysis Unit, the Organized Crime and Violence Unit, the National Drug Threat Assessment Unit, and the National Interdiction Support Unit.

Within the geographic units, NDIC intelligence analysts cover each state and various U.S. territories. Intelligence analysts maintain extensive contacts with federal, state, and local law enforcement and intelligence community personnel in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

#### **Field Program Specialists**

NDIC created the Field Program Specialist initiative in January 2001 to encourage information sharing with federal, state, and local law enforcement. Field Program Specialists are independent contractors who support the program through the exchange of information on drug-related issues with local law enforcement personnel across the country. Field representatives assigned to this program typically have more than 30 years' experience in federal, state, or local drug law enforcement.

#### **Document Exploitation Division**

The Document Exploitation Division deploys teams of intelligence analysts to federal agency field offices or other sites to expedite the exploitation of information seized in major federal drug investigations. Document Exploitation teams use a state-of-the-art computer database developed at NDIC known as Real-time Analytical Intelligence Database (RAID) to quickly collect, collate, and label large volumes of information from seized documents and computers. The team then subjects this material to detailed analysis to help identify hidden assets, previously unknown associates, and other leads for further investigation.

#### **National Drug Intelligence Library**

NDIC maintains an extensive library of intelligence publications from the counterdrug community. The repository includes books, journals, magazines, and numerous counternarcotics reports and studies. Services include specialized searching of the Internet and other online databases, web development, document retrieval, and interlibrary loan.

#### **Counterdrug Analysis Training**

NDIC conducts counterdrug analysis training courses for federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel. The training courses are conducted in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the National Guard Bureau, the U.S. Customs Service (USCS), and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). NDIC provides live training sessions through video teleconferencing to law enforcement analysts at networked distance learning sites throughout the country.

#### **Congressional and Public Affairs**

NDIC maintains contact with counterdrug agencies, the executive and legislative branches of government, and the media through its Washington Liaison Office. The National Drug Intelligence Analyst Training Center and other facilities of the Washington Liaison Office are available to counterdrug agencies for meetings and conferences.

### **Collaborating Agencies**

NDIC collaborates with other agencies such as the DEA, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Bureau of Prisons, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). NDIC is one of four national intelligence centers including the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), the U.S. Department of the Treasury's FinCEN, and the DCI Crime and Narcotics Center (CNC). NDIC also works closely with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs) and OCDETF.

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INTERNET www.usdoj.gov/ndic



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