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High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

The National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA) has been in existence since 1975. Its member agencies are State level drug enforcement agencies from the nation's state police, highway patrol departments, or from each state agency responsible for statewide criminal investigations. The working members of NASDEA come from command level staff. All fifty states are represented within NASDEA.

Summary of NASDEA Position

NASDEA opposes moving the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program to the U.S. Department of Justice, and strongly supports the program remaining within the Office of National Drug Control Police (ONDCP).

Our organization firmly believes in the stated National Drug Control Strategy of education, prevention, rehabilitation and the enforcement of laws regarding illicit drug use. NASDEA, being an organization of state law enforcement, is more closely associated with the enforcement aspect of the strategy and understands the need for a multi-agency response in this fight against illegal drugs.

As one part of that strategy, NASDEA wishes to express its support of the position of the National HIDTA Directors Association to remain under ONDCP and NOT BE MOVED to DOJ and/or under the OCDETF program. HIDTA has a strict sense of performance measures which ensure enforcement efforts are shared yet streamlined, focused yet being able to respond quickly to new threats and/or avenues of investigations. This model of efficiency with state, local, and regional input is what makes the HIDTA unique as well as successful because it is giving local and state law enforcement a seat at the table of policy, strategy, enforcement, and review of programs, all of which ensures the cooperative success seen to this point and expected in the future. This sense of performance measures, participation, and flexibility in our view is not possible under the OCDETF model of enforcement.

Therefore, NASDEA wishes to again clearly state its support of the position of the National HIDTA Directors Association to remain within ONDCP.