



## ***THE HIDTA PROGRAM***

- **This nation's drug problem** emanates from a host of interconnected, regional and local drug challenges that aggregate to form a national drug issue. HIDTA was created by Congress to improve law enforcement's ability to address these regional issues through interagency cooperation and collaboration.
- **The mission of the HIDTA Program** is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA Program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations. The focus of the HIDTA task forces across the country is to effectively target the most significant regional, national and international drug trafficking organizations
- **HIDTA supports coordinated law enforcement strategies** which *maximize the use of available resources* to reduce the supply of illegal drugs in designated areas.
- **The HIDTA Program does not duplicate but enhances** the drug law enforcement efforts in a designated HIDTA area. **The strength of the HIDTA Program** is found in its innovation, neutrality, scope of mission, and diversity.
- **The HIDTA Executive Board- comprised of an equal number of Federal, state, and local criminal justice leaders- provides law enforcement leaders a balanced and equal voice** in identifying the regional threat, developing a strategy, investing in the strategy, and assessing performance.
- **The HIDTA Program can clearly demonstrate the impact it has on drug law enforcement** efforts through its Performance Management Process (PMP) designed to assess the quantitative performance of each HIDTA and the overall HIDTA Program.
- **The HIDTA Program approach is notably different from a single mission agency/department focus by virtue of its** multi-disciplinary, coordinated strategies to address and adapt to the evolving regional threats posed by drug abuse and misuse in our society.
- **The Office of National Drug Control Policy has the important responsibility** to establish priorities and objectives for the nation's drug control strategy. The long standing law enforcement partnerships facilitated by the HIDTA program is an essential component of an effective drug control strategy.
- **The HIDTA Program is best administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)** given its unbiased and neutral position towards any one department or agency. HIDTA is truly an agency neutral program that serves only to facilitate and coordinate the efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement.