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## **Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program Receives National Recognition**

(Washington, D.C.) – White House Drug Control Policy Director, Gil Kerlikowske, awarded the Alliance for a Drug-Free Puerto Rico, of the Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program (HIDTA) the national award for Outstanding Treatment or Prevention Efforts at the 2011 National HIDTA Conference in Washington, D.C.

Alliance for a Drug-Free Puerto Rico (Alianza) has become one of the most renowned organizations for drug education on the island. Alianza seeks to reduce illicit drug use in Puerto Rico and drug demand through educational anti-drug public mass media campaigns, prevention workshops, and innovative programs that modify social attitudes supporting drug use.

"Close collaboration with our Federal, state, local, and tribal partners is a critical component of our efforts to reduce both the demand and supply of drugs," said Kerlikowske. "I congratulate The Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands HIDTA for their work to improve public health and safety."

ONDCP's HIDTA program provides Federal resources to designated areas to help reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. Law enforcement organizations within HIDTAs assess drug-trafficking problems and design specific initiatives to decrease the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution, and chronic use of drugs and money laundering. There are currently 28 HIDTAs, which include approximately 16 percent of all counties in the United States and 60 percent of the U.S. population. HIDTA-designated counties are located in 46 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Overall drug use in the United States has dropped substantially over the past thirty years. In response to comprehensive efforts to address drug use at the local, state, Federal, and international levels, the rate of Americans using illicit drugs today is roughly half the rate it was in the late 70s. To build on this progress and support a public health approach to drug control outlined in the *National Drug Control Strategy*, the Obama Administration has committed over \$10 billion for drug education programs and support for expanding access to drug treatment for addicts and over \$9 billion for U.S. law enforcement efforts.

Additional information about the HIDTA program is available on the ONDCP Web site:  
[www.WhiteHouseDrugPolicy.gov](http://www.WhiteHouseDrugPolicy.gov)

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## **2011 Task Force Awards**

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE – COOPERATIVE EFFORT**

Los Angeles HIDTA  
Inland Regional Narcotics Enforcement Team (IRNET)

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE – COOPERATIVE EFFORT**

Gulf Coast HIDTA  
Middle Louisiana Major Investigations Team (MLMIT)

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT**

Rocky Mountain HIDTA  
Southern Colorado Drug Task Force (SCDTF)

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT**

SWB HIDTA – Arizona Region  
Metro Intelligence Support Technical Assistance Center (MISTIC)

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE – INTERDICTION EFFORT**

Appalachia HIDTA  
Louisville Metro Parcel Interdiction Team

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE – INTERDICTION EFFORT**

Northwest HIDTA  
Northern Border Task Force

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE-MARIJUANA INVESTIGATION**

Appalachia HIDTA  
MDENT and WV DEA HIDTA Task Force/Operation Up In Smoke

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION**

South Florida HIDTA  
Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force - Operation Oxy Alley

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - MARIJUANA ERADICATION EFFORT**

Appalachia HIDTA  
West Virginia Eradication Initiative

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION**

Midwest HIDTA  
Kansas City/Overland Park DEA Task Force  
“Operation Rasta Browser”

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - MARIJUANA INVESTIGATION**

Central Valley California HIDTA  
Central Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (CVMIT)

### **OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - MARIJUANA ERADICATION EFFORT**

Central Valley California HIDTA  
Operation Trident

**OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE - THE TOATLEY AWARD**  
New York/New Jersey HIDTA  
New Jersey Drug Trafficking Organization Task Force/HIDTA II

**2011 Individual Awards**

**OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR – THE MARY MARSHALL AWARD**  
Rocky Mountain HIDTA  
Vivian Taylor, Financial and Office Manager

**OUTSTANDING PROSECUTOR**  
South Florida HIDTA  
Juan Antonio Gonzalez, Assistant United States Attorney

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
Washington/Baltimore HIDTA  
Bob Bouland, Network Operations Program Manager

**OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE COMMANDER**  
Atlanta HIDTA  
Kyle York, Senior Investigator

**OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE COMMANDER**  
Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA  
Rafael Reyes, DEA ASAC

**OUTSTANDING INTELLIGENCE ANALYST**  
Los Angeles HIDTA  
Eric L. Bernard, Senior Intelligence Research Specialist

**OUTSTANDING TREATMENT OR PREVENTION EFFORTS**  
Northwest HIDTA  
Drug Court Initiative

**OUTSTANDING INTELLIGENCE ANALYST**  
Appalachia HIDTA  
C. Anthony Carter, FBI Analyst

**OUTSTANDING TREATMENT OR PREVENTION EFFORTS**  
Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands HIDTA  
Alliance for a Drug-Free Puerto Rico

**HIDTA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**  
SWB HIDTA – Arizona Region  
Mike Pooley, Detective

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT ON TRIBAL LANDS**  
Northwest HIDTA  
Prevention/Public Education Initiative

**OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER**  
Midwest HIDTA

**OUTSTANDING HIDTA**  
South Florida HIDTA

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