



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Washington, D.C. 20503

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Dear Colleagues:

The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), John P. Walters, has directed the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program to develop Operational Priorities (Priorities) that are similar to those used within ONDCP but reflect information that is already collected by the present Performance Management Process (PMP) Database. It is the intent of the Director to utilize these Priorities not only to institutionalize the effectiveness of the HIDTA Program, but also to provide each HIDTA with a stronger tool for focusing resources and determining performance. The Director will be evaluating each HIDTA in a systematic, consistent, and transparent manner over the next few months by referring regularly to the PMP Database.

All HIDTA Directors are at this time reminded that, pursuant to Section 10 of the HIDTA Program Policy and Budget Guidance, they are required to update their information in the PMP Database on at least a quarterly basis. Each quarterly update shall be completed no later than two weeks after conclusion of the quarterly period. It is also recommended that each HIDTA update the PMP Database on a more frequent basis whenever possible, so as to ensure smoother entry of data and the most current information. It is important to note that all future HIDTA funding determinations, as well as other HIDTA Program decisions, will be affected by the degree to which each HIDTA fulfills the above reporting requirements.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have at (202) 395-0789.

Sincerely,

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