

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT

### National Drug Intelligence Center National Drug Threat Survey

OMB No. 1105-0071

#### A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Title IX Section 9078 of Public Law 102-396, establish the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), with the responsibility to coordinate and consolidate drug intelligence from all a national security and law enforcement agencies. The General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan designated NDIC as the nation's principal center for strategic domestic counterdrug intelligence. Part of the mission of NDIC is to prepare national, regional, and state drug threat assessments.
2. The mission of the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) to prepare strategic intelligence products to provide federal, state, and local policymakers and law enforcement decision makers with information to assist in forming counterdrug policy and plans allocating resources in the fight against illegal drugs. NDIC products produced annually include a National Drug Threat Assessment, Drug Market Analyses for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), Regional Drug Threat Assessments for the nine Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) regions, drug-specific threat assessments for marijuana and methamphetamine, and a cocaine availability assessment.

The information requested of state and local law enforcement and counterdrug agencies through the National Drug Threat Survey (NDTS), combined with other local, state, and federal information, is used to present an accurate picture of the national drug threat. NDTS statistical estimates are used by NDIC analysts to corroborate and verify anecdotal drug intelligence obtained from various sources. In addition to supporting NDIC products targeted to counterdrug policymakers, the statistical estimates derived from NDTS response data also are used by local, state, and federal agencies in support of counterdrug and public health programs.

To ensure the accuracy of data obtained through the NDTS, NDIC annually verifies the appropriate point-of-contact (POC) at each law enforcement agency (LEA) selected in the NDTS sample (see Section B) to ensure that the most accurate data are obtained via the survey. NDIC Field Intelligence Officers who have ongoing relationships with counterdrug personnel in LEAs within their areas of responsibility are tasked to verify the POC at each agency. A protocol for POC identification is attached.

3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. Providing electronic submission as the sole method of response is unreliable since many local agencies do not have the capability to respond to the survey

electronically. An Internet Web site is available for respondents with the capability to respond electronically. Respondents are urged to respond electronically, whenever possible, through notification letters and reminders sent to survey recipients.

4. There is no similar information available currently that can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or entities.
6. The use of this information provides several benefits to both the provider and NDIC. The information received is analyzed and included in an intelligence product that is shared, thus providing a complete picture of the national, regional and local drug threat.
7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. By notice in the Federal register on October 20, 2009, at fr20oc09-74, the National Drug Intelligence Center notified the public that was collecting information for the National Drug threat Assessment. The notice allowed for a 60-day public comment period. The NDIC has received no public comments.

By notice in the Federal register on January 8, 2010, at fr08ja10-70, the National Drug Intelligence Center notified the public that was collecting information for the National Drug threat Assessment. The notice allowed for a 30-day public comment period. The NDIC has received no public comments.

9. NDIC does not provide payment to respondents.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. Responses to questions may contain law enforcement sensitive information. Sensitive information will be included in the analytical process but not be referenced in the final public document.

#### 12. Annual Reporting Burden

a. Number of Respondents	3,500
b. Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c. Total Annual Response	3,500
d. Hours per Response	0.33
e. Total Annual Report Burden	1,155
f. Total Public Cost	\$17,325

The collection of information is estimated to average 0.33 hour per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the information collection.

### **Total Annual Reporting Burden**

Total annual reporting burden hours is 1,155. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (3,500) x frequency of response (1) x 0.33 hours per response. The estimate time for response is a conservative estimate. The technology available to the respondent will further reduce response time.

### **Public Cost**

The estimated public cost is \$17,325. This is based on the number of respondents (3,500) x 0.33 hour x \$15.00 per hour.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection.  
There is no fee charge associated with this information collection.

### 14. Annualized Cost Analysis

Printing/Mailing Costs	\$ 11,250
Collection and Processing/Staff Support Costs	\$248,750
Total Cost to Government	\$258,000

### **Government Cost**

The estimated cost to the Government is \$258,000. This figure includes an estimate of one full time equivalent staff position for one year to provide information technology, analytical, and clerical support (estimated at \$100,000 to include overhead) and the cost of verification and follow-up activities performed by NDIC Field Program Specialists (estimated at \$148,750 based on 2,975 hours (0.85 hours x 3,500 respondents) at \$50 per hour. In addition, this figure includes the printing and mailing costs of \$11,250 associated with the survey document.

15. This is an extension, with change, of previously approved collection – available in the OMB Information Collection Inventory at OMB Number 1105-0071. Therefore, this collection represents no increase in the current inventory.

16. NDIC intends to incorporate the response to the survey in an analytical product available to all respondents and the public.

17. NDIC has no objections to displaying the expiration date of this information collection.

18. NDIC does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form 83-I