

TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME REWARDS PROGRAM: TARGETING GLOBAL CRIMINAL NETWORKS



This rewards program “will promote the leads and tips needed to hobble transnational organized crime, the movement of international criminals . . . and transnational criminal organizations that pose threats not only abroad, but right in our own back yard.”

- Secretary of State John Kerry

The United States established the Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program in order to assist efforts to dismantle transnational criminal organizations and bring their leaders and members to justice.

The program gives the Secretary of State statutory authority to offer rewards for information that helps:

- Dismantle transnational criminal organizations
- Identify or locate key leaders
- Disrupt financial mechanisms
- Lead to the arrest or conviction of members and leaders

The program complements the Narcotics Rewards Program by offering rewards up to \$5 million for information on significant transnational criminal organizations involved in activities beyond drug trafficking, such as human trafficking, money laundering, maritime piracy, and trafficking in arms, counterfeits, and other illicit goods.

COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL CRIME

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) manages the program with U.S. federal law enforcement agencies. It is a key element of the White House Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime, which recognizes that transnational criminal networks are expanding in size and scope, and diversifying their illicit activities.

HOW THE REWARDS WORK

Proposals to pay rewards are submitted to the Department of State by U.S. agencies or U.S. Embassies overseas. Reward proposals are carefully reviewed by an interagency committee, which makes a recommendation for a reward payment to the Secretary of State. Only the Secretary of State has the authority to determine if a reward should be paid. In cases where there is U.S. federal criminal jurisdiction, the Secretary must obtain the concurrence of the Attorney General.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Overseas, individuals wishing to provide information on major transnational criminal organizations may contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. In the United States, individuals should contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), or the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Government officials and employees are not eligible for rewards.

All communications regarding information provided will be held in the strictest confidence.

For more information about the Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program and current reward offers, please visit:

www.state.gov/TOCrewards