



## ACTING ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

*Over the past 35 years, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has evolved from a small, domestic-oriented law enforcement agency to an international organization having a global presence. Now recognized as the world's leading drug law enforcement agency, and the only single-mission federal agency dedicated to drug law enforcement, our reputation and success can only be attributed to the outstanding and collective contributions of the men and women of DEA. Today, DEA remains at the forefront in combating global drug trafficking, drug-related terrorism and other transnational crime, improving our national security, and increasing the quality of life for the American public.*



*DEA has proven that we can—and are—destroying powerful drug organizations. DEA's ability to hunt down major drug traffickers has been our signature. We have seized record amounts of drugs, cash, and assets, which has had tremendous impact—from fewer drugs on the street, to millions of dollars kept out of the hands of criminals and terrorists, to fewer dangerous drugs in the hands of our children, and less violence in our communities. Every day, this agency shuts down criminal networks, bolsters national security, and restores peace and safety to countless grateful families. As we move forward, we will continue to focus on the following vision:*

- *Disrupt and dismantle the major drug trafficking supply organizations and their networks - including organizations that use drug trafficking proceeds to fund terrorist activities*
- *Attack the financial infrastructure of drug trafficking organizations*
- *Prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals from legitimate channels, including the Internet, while ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply for medical, commercial and scientific needs*
- *Enhance the collection and sharing of intelligence to predict shifts in trafficking trends, to identify all components of the major drug supply organizations, and to support counter-terrorism*
- *Strengthen partnerships with our domestic and foreign law enforcement counterparts to maximize the impact of our worldwide operations*
- *Support drug demand reduction initiatives and provide assistance to community coalitions and drug prevention officials*
- *Develop future DEA leaders who reflect the richness of diversity in America*

*I am proud of this agency and our many accomplishments. As I reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going, there is much to celebrate yet more to accomplish. As we address the threats and challenges that lie ahead, DEA must continue to exploit technology, intelligence, and operational strategies to cripple the global drug trade and contribute to the well-being of the American public and the world population. As we remain vigilant in our mission, focused on our targets, and continue to work with our global partners, we will achieve continued success.*

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