Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program (TOCRP)

Program Overview

(U) The TOCRP is one of five tools introduced in the President’s Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime (TOC), which recognizes transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) are rapidly expanding in size and scope. The authority to offer rewards for TOC was signed into law on January 15, 2013 and complements the Narcotics Rewards Program (NRP) by authorizing rewards of up to $25 million for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of TCOs, including human trafficking, money laundering, cybercrime, and trafficking in arms, wildlife, counterfeits, and other goods. The program is managed by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

(U) Eligibility
- Major international TCOs operating outside the United States and involved in transnational crimes, such as:
  - human trafficking;
  - money laundering;
  - maritime piracy;
  - cybercrime;
  - trafficking in arms;
  - counterfeits;
  - U.S. technology transfers; and
  - other illicit goods.

(SBU) Implementation Process

Interagency Review Committee:
- An interagency rewards committee (IRC) must reach consensus in nominating targets and approving rewards amounts and payments with final approval by the Secretary of State.

INL/GPP Director, or Division Chief, chairs the IRC review.

(SBU) Target Designation

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(SBU) **Rewards Payment**

- If an informant(s) has provided information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the approved target, a U.S. government agency or overseas post may then submit a reward payment request to the Department of State for consideration.

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- Once nominating agency confirms payment, INL works with the K Fund manager in M/EDCS to complete the required congressional notifications. This concludes the TOCRP payment process.
Narcotics Rewards Program

Program Overview

The Narcotics Rewards Program (NRP) was established by Congress in 1986 as an important tool to assist U.S. law enforcement in identifying and bringing to justice the major violators of U.S. narcotics laws. Under this program, the Secretary of State has statutory authority (Title 22, United States Code, Section 2708) to pay rewards of up to $25 million for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of major narcotics traffickers who operate outside of the United States and send major quantities of drugs into the United States, causing death, addiction, and violence to spread throughout the United States. Generally, rewards are limited up to $5 million per individual for this program.

The Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) manages this program. INL works in close coordination with the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and other interested U.S. agencies, such as the Department of Treasury and Central Intelligence Agency, to ensure that the program is responsive to priority regions and efforts and fully complements the U.S. National Drug Strategy.

Since its inception, the NRP has brought to justice 73 foreign major violators of United States narcotics laws, with more than $130 million paid to 129 reward program participants.

Information through the NRP successfully contributed to operations against and/or arrests of Haji Bashir Noorzai, an Afghan heroin warlord and Taliban ally; Javier Arellano-Felix, the head of Mexico’s largest and most violent trafficking organization, the Arellano-Felix Organization; Arturo Beltran-Levy, a major Mexican trafficker and leader of the Sinaloa Cartel responsible for importing tons of cocaine to the U.S.; key leaders of the Colombian Norte Valle Cartel; and violent narcotics trafficking networks operating in South America. There are currently reward offers for major narcotics traffickers including Mexican cartels, Asian heroin kingpins, and Colombian FARC leaders. All current NRP targets can be found at www.state.gov/j/inl/narc/rewards.

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Targets Designation Request Paper

Submission: Agencies are strongly encouraged to consult with the rewards program coordinators (INL-Sanctions-DL@state.gov) during the drafting process to ensure all requirements are met. U.S. government agency headquarters should send a formal request on agency letterhead to the Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Kirsten D. Madison requesting a reward offer. Posts may send nominations via cable, restricting distribution to the rewards program coordinators and using the “SNAR,” “KCRM,” and “KTOC” TAGS.

Approvals: INL chairs and coordinates the Interagency Rewards Committee (IRC) review and, when necessary, meetings with IRC members to ensure appropriate agency and bureau approval.

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Questions

If you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to discuss any of the rewards programs, please contact the Rewards Program Manager at INL-Sanctions-DL@state.gov.