



## 2021 Oregon-Idaho HIDTA & ONEA Awards Categories and Criteria

### 1. Team/Task Force Awards

Team/task force awards are designed to recognize drug enforcement teams/task forces that have achieved outstanding success(es) while adhering to the main tenets of interagency cooperation; that is, multiple law enforcement agencies coming together and achieving success through a cooperative effort.

Team/task force award nominations will be accepted for the following categories:

- Outstanding Interstate or International Impact Investigative Effort*
- Outstanding Local Impact Investigative Effort*
- Outstanding Financial Investigative Effort*
- Outstanding Drug Enforcement Team or Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force*

#### **A. Outstanding Interstate or International Impact Investigative/Interdiction Effort:**

In nominating the team or task force, the main criterion is the investigation's and/or interdiction effort in the disruption/dismantlement of a major interstate or international drug trafficking organization and/or success in using interdiction as an effective counter-drug measure on an interstate or international level. It is not essential that nomination submissions cover each criteria listed below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to the nominee with documented success in all areas.

- *The nature of the cooperative effort among federal, state, local and/or tribal law enforcement agencies and how these cooperative efforts assisted in bringing about the listed success(es);*
- *The name and scope of activities of the targeted drug trafficking organization;*
- *Key investigative steps taken in dismantling/disrupting the organization including the employment of innovative and unique investigative techniques;*
- *Key techniques that were employed in bringing about the noted success(es) especially the use of innovative and unique interdiction methods;*
- *Key successes achieved against the organization including significant seizures, arrests, indictments, and forfeitures, especially against the organization's command and control hierarchy;*
- *Derivative or spin-off cases that have occurred as a result of this investigation and/or interdiction.*

### **B. Outstanding Local Impact Investigative/Interdiction Effort:**

In nominating the team or task force, the main criterion is the investigation's disruption/dismantlement of a local drug trafficking organization and/or success in using interdiction as an effective counter-drug measure on a local level.. It is not essential that nomination submissions cover each criteria listed below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to individuals with documented success in all areas.

- *The nature of the cooperative effort among federal, state, local and/or tribal enforcement agencies and how these cooperative efforts assisted in bringing about the listed success(es);*
- *The name and scope of activities of the targeted drug trafficking organization;*
- *Key investigative steps taken in dismantling/disrupting the organization including the employment of innovative and unique investigative techniques;*
- *Key techniques that were employed in bringing about the noted success(es) especially the use of innovative and unique interdiction methods;*
- *Key successes achieved against the organization including significant seizures, arrests, indictments, and forfeitures, especially against the organization's command and control hierarchy;*
- *Derivative or spin-off cases that have occurred as a result of this investigation and/or interdiction.*

### **C. Outstanding Financial Investigative/Interdiction Effort:**

Same criteria as Outstanding Investigative/Interdiction Effort with a special emphasis on financial crimes including money laundering and/or bulk cash smuggling.

### **D. Outstanding Drug Enforcement Team or Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force:**

This award is presented to an outstanding, drug enforcement team or multi-agency drug enforcement task force that has demonstrated the values of partnership, innovation, leadership and excellence in its existence, operations and results. The following areas should be addressed in support of the nomination:

- *The nature of partnerships among participating agencies within the task force as well as the nature of partnerships with other teams or task forces and agencies and how these partnerships assisted in bring about the overall successes of the team or task force.*
- *Key innovative techniques that the team or task force has employed to bring about the overall successes of the team or task force.*
- *Leadership demonstrated by the team or task force that created positive change or positive results internally and/or externally.*
- *Excellence demonstrated by measurable and documented outcomes and outputs.*

## **2. Individual Awards**

Individual awards are designed to recognize drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force participants that have achieved outstanding success(es) in pursuit of disrupting the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of drug enforcement teams or interagency drug enforcement task forces.

Individual award nominations will be accepted for the following categories:

*Award for Excellence*  
*Sharon L. Aberle Memorial Outstanding Administrator Award*  
*Outstanding Supervisor or Commander*  
*Julie A. Sutton Memorial Outstanding Criminal Intelligence Analyst*  
*Outstanding Prosecutor*  
*Robert D. King Memorial Outstanding Effort in Information Technology*

**A. Award for Excellence:**

This award is designed to recognize an individual assigned to a drug enforcement team interagency drug enforcement task force who has utilized the fundamental drug enforcement principles to achieve outstanding results.

It is not essential that nomination submissions cover each criteria listed below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to individuals with documented success in all areas.

1. *Coalition building*
  - *Outline specific areas the nominee has taken to encourage participation by state, local and federal agencies in a drug enforcement team or an interagency drug enforcement task force, especially those agencies that were not already participating in the team or task force.*
  - *Document specific outcomes of these efforts especially in those areas where an agency(ies) became involved as a direct result of the nominee.*
2. *Leadership and Direction*
  - *Outline specific areas the nominee has taken to promote innovative ideas and concepts. Examples include the nominee's application of a unique solution to a particular issue, the adoption of a particular course of action that will favorably affect the team's or task force's long-range planning, or innovative investigative techniques that were employed to achieve documented success.*
3. *Outstanding Success*
  - *Document the specific success(es) achieved as a direct result of the nominee's actions. In other words, "but for the nominee's actions, the success would not have been achieved." The documented success(es) should be directly attributable to the forging of cooperative law enforcement relationships by the nominee in the areas of intelligence sharing, resource sharing and joint working relationships.*
4. *Collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries*
  - *Document the specific successes of interagency cooperation and coordination initiated by the nominee. Examples of the successes could be information sharing, successful controlled deliveries and cases that involved multiple jurisdictions, suspects and organizations.*

**B. Sharon L. Aberle Memorial Outstanding Administrator Award:**

This award is dedicated to the memory of Washington County Sheriff's Office Special Deputy Sharon L. Aberle who served as the Westside Interagency Narcotic (WIN) Team's Law Enforcement Research Technician for nearly 20 years. Special Deputy

Sharon Aberle, who passed away unexpectedly on October 21, 2011, exemplified professionalism and selfless dedication and commitment to public service.

This award is designed to recognize outstanding Administrative and Administrative Support Personnel including Administrative Assistants, Secretaries, Information Technology Specialists, Financial Management Officers, etc. It will be awarded to a deserving administrative support employee or volunteer who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique approach that was of exceptional benefit to the management of their team/task force/agency/program. Nominee contributions should be material to the overall operational success of their team/task force/agency/program. Administrative personnel who have demonstrated outstanding commitment through the independent research, development and application of programs and mechanisms that ensure effective and efficient operation of their team/task force/agency/program are sought for recognition.

It is not essential that nomination submissions cover each criteria listed below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to the Administrative Personnel with documented success in all areas.

1. *Use of Innovative Administrative Procedures*
  - *Outline specific ideas, administrative procedures/systems, designs and/or concepts applied by the nominee that can be viewed as innovative, imaginative or unique in substantially supporting the team/task force /agency/program. Cite specific examples of how these ideas or systems supported the team/task force/agency/program in streamlining administrative procedures and enhanced productivity; identified the potential for fraud, waste, mismanagement or misappropriation of government funds; and enacted or established controls that improved overall efficiency of the team/task force/agency/program.*
2. *Direction*
  - *Outline innovative ideas, concepts and procedures the nominee has developed and applied that can be considered an asset to the team/task force/agency/program. Examples include the nominee's application of a unique solution or system in response to a particular issue, the adoption of a particular course of action that will favorably affect the team's/task force's/agency's/program's long-range planning, or participation and input into working groups and committees that are addressing issues that will affect the team/task force/agency/program and/or law enforcement in general.*
3. *Commitment to the team/task force/agency/program.*
  - *Outline specific areas the nominee has taken to demonstrate independent action and initiative to research develop and apply programs and mechanisms that ensure effective and efficient operation of the team/task force/agency/program. Illustrate specific action(s) the nominee has taken to promote inter-agency sharing and a cooperative spirit among those agencies participating in the team/task force/agency/program. Where appropriate, cite obstacles the nominee has overcome to achieve a positive effect on the team/task force/agency/program. Cite specific successes the nominee has achieved through his/her commitment to the team/task force/agency/program.*

### **C. Outstanding Supervisor or Commander Award:**

This award is designed to focus on the non-administrative functions of a drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force commander or supervisor. It is designed to recognize the commander or supervisor that has stressed a firm commitment to the cooperative nature of drug enforcement, mainly through the use of the interagency drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force approach in addressing a crime threat. A commander's or supervisor's ability to develop and utilize innovative and unique concepts to investigations is sought for recognition. It is not essential the submission cover each of the areas below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to a commander or supervisor with documented success in all areas.

#### *1. Use of Innovation in Supervising Investigations*

- *Outline specific ideas, investigative techniques/strategies, and concepts developed and applied by the nominee that can be viewed as innovative, imaginative or unique towards addressing a particular crime threat (e.g. investigation of a drug trafficking organization, use of a certain technique in cargo inspection, etc.). Where possible, address the success of this concept and how the concept can be utilized in the long-range planning of the drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force in general; or, can act as a national or regional model for other law enforcement personnel.*

#### *2. Leadership and Direction*

- *Outline innovative ideas and concepts in leading a drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force. Examples include the nominee's application of a unique solution to a particular issue, the adoption of a particular course of action that will favorably affect the drug enforcement team's or interagency drug enforcement task force's long-range planning, or participation and input into working groups/committees that are addressing drug enforcement issues that will affect law enforcement in general.*

#### *3. Commitment to the drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force.*

- *Outline specific areas the nominee has taken to promote interagency sharing and a cooperative spirit among those agencies participating in the drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force. Where appropriate, cite obstacles the nominee has overcome to achieve a positive effect on the drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force. Cite specific successes the nominee has achieved through his/her commitment.*

### **D. Outstanding Criminal Intelligence Analyst Award:**

This award is dedicated to the memory of Oregon Department of Justice Research Analyst Julie A. Sutton who served as the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA strategic intelligence analyst. Ms. Sutton researched and authored the HIDTA's annual threat assessment, annual report and various other products that were used to inform counterdrug strategies in the region. Ms. Sutton, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on November 1, 2020, exemplified professionalism and selfless dedication and commitment to the HIDTA program and its many partners law enforcement agencies.

This award is designed to recognize the criminal intelligence analyst who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique approach to case support for drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement task forces and/or law enforcement

agencies. Additionally, a criminal intelligence analyst who has committed himself/herself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement, mainly through the development and application of reciprocal intelligence sharing, is sought for recognition. It is not essential the submission cover each of the areas below; however, more favorable consideration will be given to the criminal intelligence analyst with documented success in all areas.

1. *Use of Innovative Analytical Support*

- *Outline specific ideas, investigative techniques/strategies, and/or concepts applied by the nominee that can be viewed as innovative, imaginative or unique in supporting a drug enforcement team, interagency drug enforcement task force or law enforcement agency. Cite specific examples of how these ideas support investigations in areas such as identifying vulnerabilities of a drug trafficking organization, identifying key command and control nodes or in other areas of major case support. Where possible, address where the success of these analytical concept(s) can be utilized in the long-range planning of the drug enforcement team, interagency drug enforcement task force or law enforcement agency.; or, can act as a national or regional model for other cases.*

2. *Direction*

- *Outline innovative ideas and concepts the nominee has developed and applied that can be considered an asset to future investigations. Examples include the nominee's application of a unique solution to a particular issue, the adoption of a particular course of action that will favorably affect the drug enforcement team's, interagency drug enforcement task force's or law enforcement agency's long-range planning, or participation and input into working groups/committees addressing issues that will affect law enforcement in general.*

3. *Commitment to the drug enforcement team, interagency drug enforcement task force or law enforcement agency*

- *Outline specific areas the nominee has taken to promote interagency sharing and a cooperative spirit among those drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement task forces or law enforcement agencies.. Where appropriate, cite obstacles the nominee has overcome to achieve a positive effect. Cite specific successes the nominee has achieved through his/her commitment.*

**E. Outstanding Prosecutor Award:**

This award is designed to recognize the prosecutor who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique prosecutorial approach to drug related case support for drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement task forces or law enforcement agencies. Nominations for this award should discuss, demonstrate and quantify how the prosecutor has committed himself/herself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement; mainly through the timely development and application of legal tools and how he/she has played an integral role in the arrest, prosecution and conviction of individuals engaged in illegal drug activities

**F. Robert D. King Memorial Outstanding Effort in Information Technology Award:**

This award is dedicated to the memory of Oregon Department of Justice HIDTA System Manager Robert D. King who served as the Oregon HIDTA information technology manager for over 10 years. Mr. King, who passed away unexpectedly on August 23, 2015, exemplified professionalism and selfless dedication and commitment to the HIDTA program and Oregon law enforcement agencies.

Nominations for this award should discuss, demonstrate and quantify how the nominee has provided outstanding information technology support to drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement teams or law enforcement agencies by consistently developing and utilizing technology in an innovative, cost effective and/or unique approach.