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NDIC's Document Exploitation Division Receives Professional Service Award from the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA)

The International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) awarded NDIC's Document and Computer Exploitation Division with a Professional Service Award at their annual training conference held in Sacramento, CA on April 29, 2004 for their outstanding work using the Document Exploitation methodology and Real-time Analytical Intelligence Database (RAID) to assist in federal drug investigations. IALEIA, the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts, has been in existence since 1980 and has approximately 2,000 members worldwide. The purpose of IALEIA is to advance high standards of professionalism in law enforcement intelligence analysis at the local, state/provincial, national and international levels.

NDIC was selected for the award as part of a highly competitive process to recognize the outstanding use of intelligence analytical techniques. The award was presented to the organization making the most significant progress utilizing intelligence analytical techniques to support law enforcement objectives. The Document Exploitation methodology has been used to assist law enforcement in more than 400 critical, high-profile investigations involving drug trafficking and criminal activity in the United States.

NDIC's DocEx Division supports major federal drug investigations primarily in the United States. In many cases, they provide investigators with key information and help them organize their evidence to prepare for prosecution. To assist with the processing of evidence, NDIC has developed a unique computer software known as RAID. This software, along with our Document Exploitation methodology, helps us to assist investigators to sort through sometimes hundreds of boxes of evidence and run queries to help find new leads in about a week's time.

On a typical mission, NDIC deploys between 10-20 analysts to the field site chosen by investigators. A lead analyst from NDIC coordinates with personnel from the requesting agency to identify Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIRs) of the case. At the end of the week, we provide a detailed briefing and comprehensive report of findings, including supporting graphs and charts, to the requesting agency. For additional information about the RAID software, send an e-mail to NDIC.RAID@usdoi.gov.