

## Event to Focus on Homeland Security and the Nexus Between Economic Crime and Terrorism

RICHMOND, VA - February 11, 2003 - The public and private sectors working together to combat economic crime has become a common theme, and one that the Economic Crime Summit has been emphasizing for seven years.

But since September 11, the nexus between economic crime and terrorism has become even more evident. That is why the Economic Crime Summit, hosted for the seventh year by NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center) and the Coalition for the Prevention of Economic Crime (CPEC), will turn its focus in 2003 to preventing and combating terrorism in the United States. This year's event will bring together 800 attendees and 57 exhibitors to Washington, D.C., May 4-7. The Summit offers a unique information sharing opportunity for local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as risk management and loss control professionals from businesses worldwide.

"Public and private partnerships have been used successfully in the past to combat economic crimes, cyber crime, and vulnerabilities to our country's infrastructure," said James P. Kerins III, CPEC Vice President and Executive Vice President of Internet Clearinghouse, LLC. "Today, those partnerships will need to be expanded in a comprehensive manner to be effective in securing our national security. The Economic Crime Summit has provided a forum for best practices, methodologies, and solutions to be discussed relative to these issues and the interrelated issues of information practices, victim assistance, and consumer privacy."

The FBI, a close ally of NW3C, is also an advocate of these partnerships as FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III said in his statement to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in June 2002. "The management of our Counterintelligence Division is reorienting the focus of the FBI counterintelligence program to work more closely with other government agencies, sensitive facilities, and the private sector to identify and protect United States secrets from being compromised by foreign agents and spies."

What enforces these partnerships? Information sharing at all levels of government and within the private sector as it relates to our nation's infrastructure security.

"The Summit gives us a means to export and develop new ideals for this sharing," said Steve Edwards, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. "As the chair for the FBI's Atlanta Chapter InfraGard Watch and Warn Committee I understand the importance of sharing threats from terrorists at not only all levels of government but with our community corporate and business partners as well. Terrorism will only be defeated when all of the

appropriate members within the community come together and work to share resources and information. This conference provides a vehicle to do just that."

Private and public sector co-sponsors include the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, the Middle Atlantic - Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), Lexis-Nexis, PaineWebber, Inc., Merrill-Lynch & Co., ChoicePoint, Forensics Explorers, EvidentData, Experian, Data Systems Analysts, Merlin Information Services, ID Theft Resources, and Money Laundering Alert.

The cost to attend the conference is \$395 per registrant for government and law enforcement attendees; \$495 per registrant for private business attendees. Day passes sell for \$200 on-site. For more information on 2003 Economic Crime Summit, visit [www.summit.nw3c.org](http://www.summit.nw3c.org) or call (800) 221-4424, ext. 362.