

2003 INNOVATIONS AWARDS PROGRAM
Application Form

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8. **Please provide a two-sentence description of the program.**
The first in the nation "Counter-Terrorism Network" provides law enforcement personnel throughout New York State, with timely relevant information on Terrorism, and potential terrorist threats so to enhance the knowledge and capabilities of local law enforcement as front-line personnel in the war against terrorism.

The system's capabilities as a secure system capable of conveying counter-terrorism related information throughout New York State, builds a vital bridge between Federal-level information sources and the 70,000 sworn officers in New York State whose daily responsibilities bring them into potential contact with individuals seeking to perpetrate terrorist acts in the United States
9. **How long has this program been operational (month and year)?**
February 2002

10. Why was the program created? (What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address?)

After the heinous attacks of September 11th, 2001 which left close to 3,000 people murdered, it was clear that local law enforcement needed to be better informed about the new reality of terrorism. This was a drastic change for most local law enforcement agencies.

It is imperative to share with these agencies information on terrorism, whether it comes from local, state, federal, or international sources.

Only by providing fast, accurate, timely information, can we ensure that law enforcement is properly armed with the weapon of information, in order to properly protect our way of life.

11. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order.

October 10, 2001 – Governor George Pataki issued Executive Order 113.34 creating the New York State Office of Public Security to coordinate and bolster all of the states counter-terrorism efforts. James Kallstrom is named Director of the Office.

November 5, 2001 – James Kallstrom, meeting with the Executive Committee of the New York State Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Police, proposed providing each law enforcement agency in the state with the terrorism information that their agencies will need to educate their departments on this new threat.

November 15, 2001 – Development on the Counter-Terrorism Network begins.

January 29, 2002 – Governor George Pataki, Director Kallstrom, and Senior Members of the FBI, New York State Police, New York Police Department, New York State Sheriff's, and New York State Chief's Association, unveiled the Counter-Terrorism Network at a Press Conference in Albany.

February 11, 2002 – Director Kallstrom unveiled the first production version of the Counter Terrorism-Network terminal in Colonie, New York.

August 16, 2002 – Governor Pataki announced the expansion of the Counter Terrorism-Network from 132 to 300 terminals statewide.

September 30, 2002 – Lt. Governor Mary Donahue announced the expansion of the Counter-Terrorism Network to be installed in Web enabled patrol cars on Long Island.

February 26, 2003 – Third phase deployment of Counter-Terrorism Network began; total number of terminals to exceed 420, statewide.

12. Why is the program a new and creative approach or method?

The Counter-Terrorism Network is the first in the nation law enforcement information system to systematically provide integrated counter-terrorism information from federal information sources, all the way down to the officer in the street and back up the line. This ensures that the officer who is coming into contact with potential terrorists, is armed with timely and accurate information, and takes appropriate action to prevent a possible future terrorist attack.

13. What were the program's start-up costs? (Provide detail about specific purchases for this program, staffing needs and other financial expenditures, as well as existing materials, technology and staff already in place.)

The program's initial costs were \$2million.

This included the purchase of 300 Computers, printers, cabling, and hubs, as well as the development costs for the Server application, which was outsourced.

Network support is being handled by the State Police under a previously established program, New York State Police Information System (NYSPIN).

14. What are the program's annual operational costs?

Approximately \$1million.

15. How is the program funded?

The programs costs have been paid by the Governor's counter-terrorism allocation in the State Budget.

16. Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number.

No.

The Office of Public Security was created by Executive Order; the Counter Terrorism Network did not require additional legislation.

17. What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program?

The Counter Terrorism Network, consist of a Server application running under IBM WebShare, using a DB2 Database, running under Windows NT.

The network is a dedicated point-to-point frame relay network. The terminals are IBM X41 PC's running Windows 2000, with either an HP or Lexmark printer.

18. To the best of your knowledge, did this program originate in your state? If YES, please indicate the innovator's name, present address and telephone number.

New York is the first state in the nation to establish a dedicated Counter Terrorism Network, and provide it to all law enforcement Agencies, free of charge.

19. Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ?

No.

20. Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken?

There will be additional deployments on going through out the state. Additionally, the UNYRIC, or Upstate New York Regional Information Coordination Center is being opened in May 2003 to receive and disseminate criminal intelligence information from all of the remote terminals, to allow for two-way communication over the network.

21. Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples.

The Counter Terrorism Network has been immediately successful. The law enforcement community through out New York State has been effectively linked on counter terrorism matters for the first time. The Counter Terrorism Network has not only fostered communication, but also provided timely and relevant information to state and local law enforcement, which is our best weapon in the war on terrorism.

22. How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception?

The program has been expanded to ensure that ALL law enforcement agencies in New York State receive this critical information. The result has been that while the entire program has been funded solely by State budgeted monies. New York State has provided these valuable resources on an integrated basis to federal agencies located in the State. These Agencies include, the US Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the US Border Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of National Drug Control Policy – High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the United State Secret Service, and the Transportation Security Administration. All without charge.

23. What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program?

The Counter Terrorism Network is a model for state implementation on a national basis. Other than funding issues, it is an easily replicated design that effectively resolves a substantive problem – counter-terrorism information sharing in the post 9/11 age.

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