

AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

CLASSIFICATION:	UNCLASSIFIED
*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:	Drug Trafficking Economic Support to Mexican Border Cities
*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:	To what extent are Mexican border cities' economies reliant/dependent on the flow of drugs and aliens?
*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify major economic differences between Mexico and U.S. border cities • Identify major licit commodities imported from Mexico into the U.S. at each Mexican border city • Utilizing an identified licit imported commodity at a border city as an example, reconstruct a drug organization business model that emulates the licit traded commodity • Identify key supporting infrastructure that facilitates the movement of the commodity • Identify the financial structure of the model • Compare the financial opportunity drug trafficking offers to the community that is not available through licit means
EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :	Mexican drug trafficking activities are dependent on supporting infrastructure that facilitates drug movement across the international border. The movement of high value drugs are primarily smuggled through the ports-of-entry similar to licit imported commodities. The process in the movement of drugs emulates certain financial consideration that of traded commodities. With large drug seizures constantly occurring at the ports-of-entry, drug trafficking organizations seem to have an endless amount of support in the movement of drugs. Such support includes but is not limited to procurement of supplies, payroll, security, technicians, coordinators, facilitators, accounting, sales, recruitment, etc. Such support comes with a financial obligation. Joint Task Force North would like to know how much of that financial obligation employs Mexican citizen at border cities.
* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:	Joint Task Force North
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