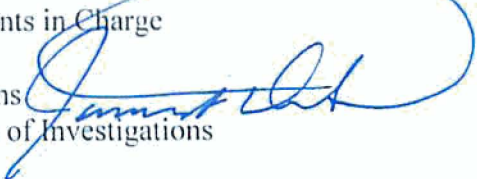




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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Special Agents in Charge

FROM: James A. Dinkins 
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SUBJECT: Safeguarding Corporate Sources from Negative Notoriety

The establishment and maintenance of industry partnerships and corporate sources of information is critical to the continued success of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigative mission.

The Office of Investigations (OI), utilizing outreach programs like Cornerstone, Shield America, and IMAGE, has cultivated highly successful partnerships across a wide array of sectors within private industry. These partnerships ultimately developed from thousands of contacts made by OI special agents assigned to the outreach programs, in addition to daily investigative activities. The development of the corporate sources of information, resulting from the success of these outreach initiatives, provide information and technical assistance, which have led to significant and in some instances, extremely high profile investigations across various investigative disciplines.

Corporate sources represent a significant value to OI and it is imperative to preserve the individual reputations and public perception of businesses or corporations, as they compete within their respective industries. Any release of information disclosing these partnerships should clearly detail the positive impact of the information provided by the corporate sources and should attribute success to their involvement. Should a corporate source choose not to disclose their involvement or assistance, OI should make every possible effort to prevent such a disclosure.

Any inquiries regarding this memorandum please contact the respective operations manager.