

Nationally Recognized Economic Crime Fighters Collaborate Efforts

RICHMOND, VA - August 6, 2002 - The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) and the Economic Crime Investigation Institute (ECII) at Utica College recently signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate collaboration in economic and high-tech crime research and training. Both parties are committed to creating public-private-academic alliances to meet the current and future needs of the criminal justice community and corporate America.

"The criminals are winning the white collar crime battle," said Richard L. Johnston, Director of the NW3C. "The only way law enforcement can expect to stay ahead is to partner with the private sector and academia. The ECII and NW3C both offer superior training and research services, and together will increase their effectiveness."

The NW3C and the ECII have encouraged an industry-wide partnership through training and seminars that offer something for everyone. Both organizations have provided opportunities for networking and information sharing. Based on recent corporate scandals, the NW3C and the ECII see the need, now more than ever, for constant contact between corporations and their local and state enforcement agencies. Achieving these results requires training and education for all parties involved.

"This partnership will benefit all who are interested in detecting, preventing, investigating, and prosecuting economic and computer crime," said Dr. Gary R. Gordon, Executive Director of the ECII and Visiting Professor of Economic Crime Programs at Utica College. "Combining forces will allow us to leverage our strengths and provide cutting edge research, advanced training, and state-of-the-art undergraduate and graduate education in the field."

Plans are underway now to coordinate research projects and develop instructional materials for educational and training purposes.

About the NW3C

Funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the NW3C is a non-profit organization that provides a national support network for state and local law enforcement agencies involved in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of economic and high-tech crime.

About the ECII

A non-profit institute of Utica College in Utica, New York, the ECII was formed in November 1988. It provides support to the undergraduate program in Economic Crime Investigation and the graduate program in Economic Crime

Management and provides continuing education opportunities for economic crime investigation professionals. The ECII sponsors an annual conference, seminars, lectures, supports research endeavors, and two online journals: the International Journal of Digital Evidence and the Journal of Economic Crime Management. More information on the ECII is available at www.ecii.edu. More information about Utica College is available at www.utica.edu.