



## U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations



### IPR INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

## IPRIS AND NCFTA

The IPR Intelligence Section (IPRIS) coordinates directly with the 25 agency partners of the IPR Center to compile information and strategically share the information in such a way as to create the strongest impact. IPRIS de-conflicts incoming leads from multiple sources, to include partner agencies, industry and the public. IPRIS also provides intelligence support to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) field offices and IPRC program managers in the form of lead production and evaluation to facilitate investigations. In addition, IPRIS works closely with private industry to identify viable targets for both criminal and civil actions.

IPRIS intelligence analysts collect, analyze, and share timely and accurate intelligence information for the use of IPR Center partners. This includes the use of government databases, intelligence production and analysis tools, and open source information in the generation of targets leads for referral to IPR Center partner agencies. IPRIS further supports field office investigations with subject matter expertise in IPR trends, developments, and challenges. IPRIS examines reports of IP theft made through the IPR Center "IPR Button", which is currently utilized by approximately 200 websites. The IPR Button provides a mechanism for the public and industry to report suspected IPR violations. Since its inception in 2012, the IPR Button has generated over 49,700 submissions. These submissions are vetted and processed by IPRIS for dissemination to respective agency partners for potential investigative actions.



The IPR Center has partnered with private industry through the assignment of IPRIS agents to the National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance (NCFTA) in Pittsburgh, PA. The NCFTA is a non-profit organization which brings together experienced agents and analysts, governmental experts, and leaders in the business world to form an integral alliance between academia, law enforcement, and industry. By merging a wide range of cyber expertise in one location, the NCFTA provides a conduit for information sharing between private industry and law enforcement. Because the NCFTA is a non-profit organization, it provides a neutral forum wherein private industry and law enforcement can exchange information regarding emerging and ongoing threats. For more information on NCFTA please visit their website at [www.ncfta.net](http://www.ncfta.net).