

# **“CENDI Information Managers’ Group: Brief Introduction”**

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# What is CENDI?

- ➔ An interagency group of senior STI managers who have agreed to cooperate by
  - Exchanging information and ideas
  - Sharing resources
  - Undertaking joint initiatives
  - From policy to standards to operations

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# Agency Constraints

- Budget
- Personnel slots
- Specialized expertise
- Access to contractors
- Technical barriers
- Policy directions
- Administrative requirements

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# CENDI Membership

CENDI is an interagency working group composed of

Senior STI Managers

- 7 major programs
- 6 U.S. Federal agencies

COMMERCE - National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

ENERGY - Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI)

NASA - Scientific and Technical Information Program (NASA STI)

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE (NLM)

DEFENSE - Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) and the National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC)

INTERIOR - USGS Biological Resources Division (BRD)



# **CENDI is Formally Established Under an Interagency MOU**

- 1973 -- Phase-out of COSATI
- Mid-1970's to Mid-1980's -- Cooperation on ad hoc basis
- 1982 -- Regular but informal meetings
- 1985 -- Formal interagency MOU among four agencies (NTIS, DOE, DoD, and NASA)
- 1987 -- National Library of Medicine (NLM) joined through MOU agreement
- 1988 -- Secretariat created
- 1993 -- National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC) joined CENDI
- 1995 -- Department of Interior/Biological Resources Division (BRD) joined CENDI



# **CENDI Goals**

- **Coordination and Leadership**
- **Joint Projects**
- **Education**

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# **CENDI-Sponsored/Planned Workshops**

- **Systems Architecture and Modernization**
- **SGML Workshop**
- **Helpdesk**
- **Indexing**
- **Machine Translation**
- **COSPO/CENDI Industry**
- **Gateway Developers**
- **Bibliographic Standards**
- **Customer Service**

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# **In 1996-97, CENDI cooperated with over 65 other organizations**

- **4 legal and policy agencies**
- **15 mission agencies**
- **3 legislative branch agencies**
- **3 state and local government entities**
- **3 interagency groups**
- **11 academic organizations**
- **24 private sector entities**
- **2 international organizations**
- **over 125 staff of member agencies were involved**

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# **CENDI Planning Themes**

## **Set the Stage**

- 1990 -- The Value of Cooperation: Positioning for the 1990's
- 1991 -- Building Strategic Alliance
- 1992 -- Critical Connections: Cooperation to Enhance Information Value and Use
- 1993 -- Navigating in a Networked World
- 1994 -- Building a Digital Information Network
- 1995 -- Changing Missions -- Changing Technologies
- 1996 -- Opportunity in Change
- 1997 -- Changing STI Management in a Networked Environment
- 1998 -- Enterprise Networking and STI Futures

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**CENDI MEMBERS**  
(Principals,  
Alternates)

**SECRETARIAT**

- Information Exchange
- Cataloging
- User Education
- Technology Focus Assessments
- Joint Projects
- Workshops

**OBSERVERS and Cooperating Organizations**

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# CENDI Principals and Alternates

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## **“World Class Trade and Business Information”**

Donald Johnson, Director  
Department of Commerce /National Technical Information Service

## **“Building a Virtual Knowledge Warehouse”**

Kurt Molholm, Administrator  
Department of Defense/Defense Technical Information Center

## **“Turning Technology Loose on the Information Age”**

Tom Pedtke, Assistant Chief Scientist  
U.S. Air Force/National Air Intelligence Center

## **“Global Research From the Desktop: DOE’s Virtual Library Environment”**

Walter Warnick, Director  
Office of Scientific and Technical Information  
Department of Energy

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