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SUBJECT: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) Exercise Guidance

Urban Areas and metropolitan areas designated by their State are required to develop and test their Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) with a full-scale exercise. However, with the cancellation of the Multi Jurisdictional Prevention and Response Plan (MPRP) (Information Bulletin #187- August 18, 2005), the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) no longer requires grantees to use the Improvised Explosives Device (IED) scenario to test the TICP. The IED scenario was highlighted because of the high probability of that scenario occurring. However, Urban Areas can validate plans and assess interoperable communications capabilities with alternate scenarios. **In addition, Urban Areas are reminded that they must first submit their TICP to the State Administrative Agency (SAA) and then SLGCP for approval prior to conducting an exercise.**

Urban Areas may build an exercise around any of the National Planning Scenarios to test the TICP requirement. If Urban Areas already have other full-scale exercises planned, they may use that exercise to meet the test requirement as long as that exercise is consistent with the requirements of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). For more information on how to structure an exercise please refer to HSEEP website at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/hseep.htm>

The release of the National Preparedness Goal, Target Capabilities List (TCL), and Universal Task List (UTL) presents an opportunity to build a foundation of capabilities-based planning. The TCL: Version 2.0 represents a significant step forward in developing those readiness targets. It identifies 36 capabilities required to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of national significance.. As jurisdictions plan their exercises, the Interoperable Communications Target Capability and “designated” Critical Tasks must be incorporated into their exercise activity to test the TICP. Additional information on the TCL may be located at the following website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm>

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