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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Emergency
Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Guidance and Application
Kit

The FY 2006 EMPG Program Guidance and Application Kit is now available online at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm. The FY 2006 EMPG Program Guidance and Application Kit is being released separately from the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program Application Kit and Program Guidance.

The EMPG Program is designed to assist States and Urban Areas in achieving the target levels of capability to sustain and enhance the effectiveness of their emergency management programs. With funds provided through the FY 2006 EMPG, States have the opportunity to develop intra- and interstate emergency management systems that encourage the building of partnerships to include government, business, volunteer, and community organizations based on identified needs and priorities for strengthening their emergency management and catastrophic planning capabilities. Additionally, States will simultaneously be able to address issues of national concern as identified both in the National Priorities and the Target Capabilities List.

EMPG allowable costs have been divided into planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises categories. In addition, management and administration costs are allowable.

The SAA is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2006 EMPG funds and is responsible for passing through those funds to the State emergency management agency within 15 days. New and returning users may apply for the FY 2006 EMPG by signing-in or registering for a user ID and password on the Grants Management System (GMS) available online at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Instructions regarding electronic submissions through GMS are provided on the OJP website at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm. Assistance with GMS may also be obtained by calling 1-888-549-9901. FY 2006 EMPG guidance is available as of **November 14, 2005** and the completed application **must be received by ODP no later than**



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December 14, 2005. ODP will evaluate applications and award funds within 30 days of receipt of application.

Additional questions may be directed to your Preparedness Officer or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov, 1-800-368-6498.