



Homeland Security

FY 2008 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) is an important component of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness. CEDAP transfers specialized commercial equipment, equipment training, and equipment technical assistance directly to smaller jurisdictions and eligible metropolitan areas.

*In FY 2008, the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program will provide approximately **\$16 million in equipment and training** to strengthen the nation's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism and other catastrophic events.*

Purpose

The FY 2008 CEDAP complements the department's other major grant programs to enhance regional response capabilities and mutual aid by providing technology and equipment – together with training and technical assistance required to operate that equipment – to law enforcement, emergency responder and public safety agencies in smaller jurisdictions and certain metropolitan areas.

Funding

The FY 2008 CEDAP will provide equipment, equipment training, and equipment technical assistance valued at approximately \$16 million to law enforcement and first responder organizations across the nation.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders who demonstrate that the equipment will be used to improve their ability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or work with other first responders. Awardees must not have received technology funding under the Urban Areas Security Initiative, or the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program since Oct. 1, 2006. Organizations must submit applications through the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) website at www.rkb.us.

Agencies and departments are permitted to submit only one application per year under CEDAP. Receipt of multiple applications from different divisions or units of the same agency or department will automatically disqualify the applicant from consideration for all CEDAP applications submitted. Applicants should select items from the CEDAP Equipment Catalog that they have been unable to acquire through other DHS programs.

How to Apply

Prospective applicants may review the program solicitation through the Responder Knowledge Base at www.rkb.us beginning May 30, 2008. Completed applications must be submitted to DHS-FEMA at www.rkb.us no later than 5 p.m. EDT, June 30, 2008. It is highly recommended that applicants begin the registration process as early as possible.

Program Highlights

CEDAP offers equipment in the following categories: extrication devices, thermal imaging, night vision, and video surveillance tools; chemical, biological and radiological detection tools; information technology and risk management tools; and covert vehicle tracking tools.

State Administrative Agencies (SAA) play a vital role during the application process by helping to ensure requested equipment is consistent with the state's Homeland Security Strategy. Training and technical assistance are provided at the time technologies are delivered and transferred under the program. The training is a prerequisite to receipt of equipment and helps ensure that the systems and devices awarded will be utilized fully and correctly.

CEDAP Application Support

Prospective applicants should direct any questions regarding CEDAP, the application process, or the awards process to the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at 1-800-368-6498 or via e-mail at askcsid@dhs.gov. If the CSID representative cannot answer your question, your call may be routed to a NPD technical agent for CEDAP located at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona at 1-866-659-9170.