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Shuster Announces New Application Period for Important Assistance to Firefighter Grants

Encourages District First Responders to Take Advantage of this Competitive Program

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the 2008 application period for awards under the highly successful Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will open on Monday March 3rd. The open application period will close on Friday April 4th.

Congress approved \$560 million for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act for the Department of Homeland Security. Congressman Shuster encourages all of the 9th district's firefighters and emergency service departments to take advantage of this open application period to apply for these competitive grants.

Interested departments can get more information on this year's grant program online at www.firegrantsupport.com. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security will hold a series of workshops across the country in the coming weeks to assist departments with the grant writing process. Information on the workshops can be found online at the following address: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/workshop/display/workshops.aspx>.

As always, Congressman Shuster encourages anyone who has questions about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to contact his office toll-free at 1-800-854-3035.

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