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## ***Shuster Announces Open Season for Homeland Security Training Grant Program***

*Washington, D.C.*—**Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the open application season for the Department of Homeland Security's Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP) begins today, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The open grant application period will end on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

The CTGP grant program awards funds to competitively selected applicants to develop and deliver innovative training programs addressing high priority national homeland security training needs that further the Department of Homeland Security's mission of preparing the nation to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from catastrophic risks posed by man, nature and technology.

All state, local, nonprofit, and the private sector organizations involved in homeland security are eligible for the grant program. For FY08, the CTGP Program will focus on the following five areas:

- Intelligence / Information Sharing and Dissemination
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Regional Collaboration
- Citizen Preparedness and Participation
- Citizen Evacuation and/or Shelter-In-Place

Organizations interested in applying for the CTGP Program are encouraged to review the application materials and requirements at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Additionally, Congressman Shuster is ready to assist interested applicants through the grant process. Congressman Shuster's district office can be reached toll-free at 1-800-854-3035.

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