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State to Distribute \$22.2 Million in 2008 Federal Homeland Security Funding — Direct Funding to Counties Increases by Nearly \$3 Million over 2007 —

HAMILTON — New Jersey will distribute \$22,224,000 in federal homeland security funds to its 21 counties according to a formula based on risk, Governor Jon S. Corzine and Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) Director Richard L. Cañas announced today. This amount represents an increase of \$2,896,000, or 15 percent, over funds made available to the counties in 2007.

“County and local law enforcement and emergency response personnel serve on the front lines working to prevent, respond and recover from any disaster, including a potential terrorist attack, ensuring they have the resources they need is a top priority for my administration,” Governor Corzine said. “New Jersey continues to do a good job of documenting our greatest risks and will continue to distribute these federal funds accordingly across the state.”

“Congress deserves credit for opposing the President’s proposals to cut funding for homeland security programs nationwide. I thank New Jersey’s Congressional delegation for their strong leadership on this issue. Because of their efforts, New Jersey will have more resources to protect our families and our communities,” Corzine said.

“Our distribution formula follows the Governor’s mandate to allocate these funds where they will do the most good based solely on risk,” Cañas said. “The additional dollars, going directly to each of our 21 counties will result in additional equipment, programs and training for first-responders to better protect our people and our critical facilities.”

Cañas said that the distribution formula is based on a combination of asset-based risk, geographic-based risk, and population density. For the second year running, the population density calculations were adjusted to reflect the fact that although some of the state’s counties have lower levels of overall population, they still contain population centers of considerable density. Additionally, summer seasonal population variances and work force commuter flow were also addressed in this year’s population density calculations. The funding formula also takes into account a risk assessment of the more than 200 critical facilities and sites identified by state and federal authorities as the most significant potential terrorist targets in New Jersey.

These sites are among 16 of New Jersey’s key infrastructure sectors, including: Transportation, Banking and Finance, Chemical and Hazardous Materials, Commercial Assets, Telecommunications, Public Health, Postal/Shipping, Energy, Agriculture and Food, Water, Industrial/Defense Industrial Bases and Government Buildings.

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The asset-based risk to these critical facilities is determined by factoring data related to threat, vulnerability and consequence. “Threat” refers to the likelihood of an attack taking place, which is assessed by the intelligence community. “Vulnerability” refers to the likelihood of an attack being successful, and is determined from on-site reviews of the specific facilities. “Consequence” refers to the impact of an attack, or a function of human loss, economic loss, strategic loss to the industry or society, and overall psychological impact of an attack.

The \$22,224,000 in grants available to the counties represents the 80 percent local share of the state’s 2008 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants, which total \$27,780,000. For this year’s round of funding, DHS eliminated direct funding under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) and instead is requiring counties to utilize 25 percent of their SHSP funding for LETPP activities, such as equipment, planning, training and exercises relating to information sharing and analysis; target hardening; threat recognition; and terrorist interdiction.

Counties can use the 2008 federal homeland security funds to equip and train emergency responders, protect the state’s critical facilities against potential terrorist attacks, and develop or continue a variety of other homeland security and domestic preparedness initiatives. Each county will continue to work with its multi-disciplinary Working Group to refine its specific spending and protection plans along with the state.

Each county’s Working Group, at a minimum, includes the county office of emergency management coordinator, freeholder, director, administrator or executive, fiscal officer, county prosecutor or designee, county police chiefs’ association representative, county fire coordinator or fire marshal, county emergency medical services coordinator, hazmat team representative, medical examiner, health officer, critical infrastructure coordinator, domestic preparedness planner, as well as representatives from county healthcare institutions and from the county’s largest cities.

The state will review the counties’ spending proposals. Counties will have to meet specific terms and conditions in order to receive their funding. For example, each county must certify its compliance with National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements, its identification of the County Working Group members, its progress in establishing a County Incident Management Team, and its commitment to participating with the State Exercise Support Team in conducting regional and county emergency exercises.

In addition to the SHSP funds, the Department of Homeland Security announced last week that New Jersey will be provided \$34.9 million in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds, which are targeted toward urban areas across the nation deemed to be at greater risk of terrorist attack. New Jersey’s UASI program encompasses Jersey City and Newark and the seven counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union. The 2008 UASI grant to the state represents about a 3 percent decrease compared with the \$36 million the UASI region received last year. The state also received \$642,442 in Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program funds provided for pass through to Newark and Jersey City and \$359,560 in Citizen Corps Program (CCP) grants for use statewide. Overall, the state received an increase of about 3 percent in federal funding compared with last year’s funding.

The attached chart details the total amounts distributed to each county from New Jersey's Federal FY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program. Additional information on these grants can be found on OHSP's Grants Web site: <http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/grants/index.html>.

New Jersey's Federal FY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program*
Allocations to Counties Based on Risk

| Funding by County | Totals |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ATLANTIC | \$ 1,314,874 |
| BERGEN | \$ 1,836,308 |
| BURLINGTON | \$ 824,621 |
| CAMDEN | \$ 933,757 |
| CAPE MAY | \$ 627,168 |
| CUMBERLAND | \$ 520,646 |
| ESSEX | \$ 1,941,118 |
| GLOUCESTER | \$ 863,733 |
| HUDSON | \$ 2,290,333 |
| HUNTERDON | \$ 587,065 |
| MERCER | \$ 820,656 |
| MIDDLESEX | \$ 1,729,336 |
| MONMOUTH | \$ 892,662 |
| MORRIS | \$ 943,940 |
| OCEAN | \$ 838,680 |
| PASSAIC | \$ 1,638,946 |
| SALEM | \$ 459,095 |
| SOMERSET | \$ 702,328 |
| SUSSEX | \$ 489,104 |
| UNION | \$ 1,409,861 |
| WARREN | \$ 559,759 |
| TOTAL | \$ 22,224,000 |

*Funding from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's, National Preparedness Directorate. These funds include the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) monies, which require counties to use 25% for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, which until this year had been funded under the separate Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). They do not include (1) \$34,988,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Union counties and the cities of Newark and Jersey City, (2) \$642,442 in Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program funds provided for pass through to Newark and Jersey City, (3) \$359,560 in Citizen Corps Program (CCP) grants for use statewide and (4) \$834,618 in Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funds made available to 13 UASI nonprofit organizations.

