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NIMSCAST AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN *NIMS GUIDE* RELEASE

This NIMS Alert has been developed to provide additional awareness regarding the following:

- Release of NIMSCAST to all 56 States and Territories
- Publication of FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics Guides for States and Territories and FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics Guides for Tribal Nations and Local Governments
- Announcement of the availability of the NIMS Corrective Action Plan *NIMS Guide*
- Availability of Updated FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics for States and Territories

NIMCAST is now NIMSCAST!

On April 9, FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division¹ released the NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST). With this new release, the NIMSCAST now integrates a new module to reflect the FY 2007 implementation activities and metrics. This additional module enables the NIMSCAST to serve as the premier application for States, territories, tribal nations, and local governments to assess and report on their progress relating to NIMS implementation. State, territorial, tribal, and local governments can access the NIMSCAST at <http://www.fema.gov/nimscast/index.jsp>

Additionally, support functions of the NIMSCAST have been reviewed and greatly enhanced based on the feedback received since the NIMCAST was originally launched in January, 2005. All established accounts, user permissions and/or rolled-up assessments that were previously entered in the NIMCAST have been maintained in the NIMSCAST.

Although all jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to use the NIMSCAST to assess their compliance with NIMS, other independently-developed technical assistance tools may be used for this purpose, provided that those are compatible with the assessment contained in the NIMSCAST.

FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics Guides for States and Territories/ Tribal Nations and Local Governments

To assist States, territories, local governments in their respective measurement and reporting of NIMS compliance, the *FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics Guide for States and Territories* and *FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics Guide for Tribal Nations and Local Governments* have been developed. These guides provide specific guidance on how to approach and answer the metrics released in October 2006, as well as to report critical information with regards to assessing NIMS implementation. These guides have been published at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/compliance/2007.shtm>

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NIMS Corrective Action Plan *NIMS Guide*

The NIMS Compliance Corrective Action Plan *NIMS Guide* is available for the states, territories, tribal nations, and/or local jurisdictions that cannot meet all of FY 2007's Tier 1 implementation activities prior to September 30, 2007. In these instances, these jurisdictions may develop and submit a NIMS Compliance Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that will provide an additional 120 days to correct shortfalls in NIMS implementation. In addition to ensuring that implementation shortfalls are corrected, the CAP program stands to inform the FEMA Incident Management Systems Division of potential areas regarding NIMS implementation requiring additional technical assistance. The NIMS Corrective Action Plan Guide webpage can be accessed at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/guide.shtm>.

Updated FY 2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics for States and Territories

The State and Territory compliance metrics have been updated to reflect an "N/A" option for 16 of the 53 compliance metrics. The "N/A" option was applied to specific compliance metrics since not all State and territory departments and agencies are not responsible for statewide or territory wide NIMS implementation. The "N/A" option will allow such agencies to mark "N/A" and still be compliant with Tier 1 metrics. The revised State and Territory Compliance Metrics are now available at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/compliance/2007.shtm>

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