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SUBJECT: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security

Grant Program (HSGP) Program Guidelines and Application Kit

The Fiscal Year 2005 HSGP Program Guidelines and Application Kit is now available online at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm. The FY05 HSGP provides a single application kit and program guidance for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program Grants. Through this program, state and local emergency prevention, preparedness, and response personnel will receive over \$2.5 billion in grant funding to enhance and improve our nation's homeland security efforts.

These six programs have been integrated into a single FY05 HSGP solicitation to better facilitate the organization, coordination, and management of state and local homeland security funding and prevention, preparedness, and response efforts across the nation, and help ensure that all available federal homeland security funding is leveraged for maximum impact. The consolidation will also strengthen coordination across the six programs and encourage regional collaborative preparedness efforts.

New and returning users may apply for the FY 2005 HSGP by signing-in or registering for a user ID and password on the Grant Management System (GMS) available online at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/. Instructions regarding electronic submissions through GMS are provided on the OJP Web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm. Assistance with GMS may also be obtained by calling 1-888-549-9901. The completed FY05 HSGP application must be submitted via GMS no later than January 16, 2005.

For additional information, please contact your Preparedness Officer or the ODP Helpline at 1-800-368-6498.