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SUBJECT: SLGCP Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

The Systems Support Division (SSD) in SLGCP is launching the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) to provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. CEDAP is being offered in two phases in fiscal year (FY) 2005. The first phase allows SLGCP to provide applicants with equipment already on Federal contract and is limited to personal protective equipment, detection and sensor devices, information sharing software for law enforcement operations, and communications interoperability systems. Eligible applicants include jurisdictions not currently receiving funding from UASI. Jurisdictions in suburban, rural, and border areas are encouraged to apply for equipment that will be used to respond through mutual aid and to protect infrastructure in those jurisdictions. "This pilot program will meet the special needs of smaller communities to ensure our preparedness efforts reach all of America." said Matt A. Mayer, Acting Executive Director of the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness.

Applications for Phase I will be available for review beginning March 22, and eligible for online receipt from April 5 to May 5, 2005 at the SLGCP Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), hosted by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) at www.rkb.mipt.org. The CEDAP online application is user friendly and easy to complete in one session. Successful applicants will be notified this spring by SLGCP. The second phase of the program will begin during the month of May 2005. Additional equipment items will be added to the list over the next few months for the planned Phase II, May 2005 release date.

The SAA will receive automatic e-mail notifications of CEDAP applications submitted to SLGCP in their states. Notifications will be sent to the SAAs before the applications are rated or ranked by SLGCP. SAAs who object to an applicant's request because it is not consistent with the state strategy will have 7 days to notify SLGCP of these concerns.

If you have any questions about the CEDAP program, please contact your preparedness officer or the SLGCP CSID Helpline at 1-800-368-6498.