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SUBJECT: Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exercise requirements

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness (DHS/ODP), is pleased to announce an update on the FY '05 Improvised Explosive Device (IED) requirement. In order to gain compliance with the FY '05 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGCP), States and Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) are required to conduct one (1) operations-based exercise involving the IED scenario as described in the FY '05 HSGCP. Previous guidance required two (2) discussion-based and one (1) operations-based exercise.

Guidance on specific exercise requirements will be forthcoming. States and UASIs are not required to start planning for this exercise until this guidance is released.

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