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SUBJECT: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Program Guidance and Application Kit

DHS is pleased to announce the availability of the FY 2007 UASI NSGP. The FY 2007 UASI NSGP provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations via the State, the program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader State and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils.

Eligibility and Application Information

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2007 UASI NSGP funds. Additional information on the program is provided at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_programs.htm. Eligible applicants must apply through the online *Grants.gov* system at <http://www.grants.gov>. The appropriate Authorized Organization Representative must be listed in the *Grants.gov* submission. The *Grants.gov* customer support hotline is 1-800-518-4726 and the hours are Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

During the application process, eligible nonprofit organizations located in the 46 designated FY 2007 UASI sites (http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/fy07_hsgp_urbanareas.pdf), will submit Investment Justifications for funding to the SAA that address the threat-oriented eligibility criteria,

as well as specific information on what activities will be implemented, what outcomes will be achieved, how the investment will be managed, and how the investment and related security enhancement activities are being coordinated with relevant State and local authorities.

Attached to this Information Bulletin is the Investment Justification template that eligible nonprofit organizations must complete and submit to their SAA for review for funding under the FY 2007 UASI NSGP. Point of contact information for the SAA is located at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/contact_state.htm.

Application Review Process

Each eligible nonprofit organization's Investment Justification will be reviewed for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the proposed solution addresses the identified risk. Applications will be reviewed in two phases to leverage local knowledge and understanding of the applicant's risk for terrorist attack, while also ensuring coordination and alignment with Federal, State and local preparedness efforts. During the first phase of the review, and as a component of the FY 2007 UASI NSGP application process, the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) and the local Citizen Corps Council (<http://www.citizencorps.gov/councils/>) must work with the SAA to review and develop a prioritized list of nonprofit organization Investment Justifications. This prioritized list of scores must be submitted with the nonprofit organization Investment Justifications through grants.gov.

Attached to this Information Bulletin is the prioritization methodology that the UAWG and the local Citizen Corps Council, in coordination with the SAA, must use to prioritize Investment Justifications submitted by eligible nonprofit organizations.

The completed FY 2007 UASI NSGP application, including the prioritized list of scores along with the nonprofit organization Investment Justifications, must be received by DHS via *Grants.gov* no later than June 22, 2007, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Upon receipt of the applications, including the prioritized Investment Justifications, a panel of evaluators from across DHS will evaluate applications and act on these applications within 60 days of the submission deadline.

Additional questions may be directed to the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.