



Fiscal Year 2009

Trucking Security Program

Department of Homeland Security



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide \$7,772,000 under the Trucking Security Program (TSP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The focus of the FY 2009 TSP is the adoption and implementation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Voluntary Program of Recommended Security Action Items to Enhance the Shipment of Highway Security-Sensitive Materials (HSSM) (Part VIII). These HSSM have the potential to cause significant fatalities and injuries or significant economic damage when released or detonated during a transportation security incident. TSP funding will be primarily focused on the purchase and installation or enhancement of equipment and systems related to tractor and trailer tracking systems. Under the FY 2009 TSP, \$7,000,000 will support the adoption and implementation of security initiatives such as tractor and trailer tracking systems, panic button capability, tractor activation capability, and communications plans and \$772,000 will support the development of security plans and monitoring and analysis systems and centers.

TSP Priority Initiatives in FY 2009

DHS will make multiple grant awards under a competitive process to address the following funding priorities:

- **Truck Security Action Item Implementation Initiative** - Implementing security improvement measures and policies primarily focused on the purchase and installation or enhancement of equipment and systems related to tractor and trailer tracking systems.
 - **Tractor and Trailer Tracking Systems** - Implementing methods of tracking the tractor and trailer throughout the intended route with satellite and/or land-based wireless GPS communications systems.
 - **Panic Button Capability** - Implementing means for a driver to transmit an emergency alert notification to dispatch.
 - **Tractor Activation Capability** - Implementing security measures that require driver identification by login and password or biometric data to drive the tractor.
 - **Communication Plans** – Establishing standard operating procedures (SOPs) for communication between drivers, appropriate company personnel, and emergency service agencies.
- **Monitoring and Analysis** - Developing a system for DHS to monitor, collect, and analyze tracking information.
- **Planning** - Developing plans to improve the effectiveness of the transportation and distribution of supplies and commodities during catastrophic events.

Applicants are required to prepare an Investment Justification (IJ) that addresses each initiative being proposed for funding.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants will be placed in one of two tiers. **Tier I** applicants will have 11 or more tractors; **Tier II** applicants will have 10 or less tractors.

Applicants that meet the following criteria will be eligible for funding under the Truck Security Action Item Implementation Initiative:

- Have a current security plan subject to Title 49 CFR 172.800
- Transport Tier I Commodities as defined by TSA through the issuance of HSSM Security Action Items.
- Demonstrate an acceptable safety record as determined by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and/or have a Hazardous Materials Out-of-Service (HMOOS) rating above the designated Hazardous Materials Safety Permit (HMSP) threshold.
- Agree to allow DHS to perform a Corporate Security Review (CSR) upon request.

There are no restrictions on those applicants who may apply for funding under the Monitoring and Analysis and Planning Priorities. However, in order to be considered as a potential grantee, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial and resource capabilities to successfully address these priorities.

Cost Share Requirement

For **Tier I** applicants, the maximum Federal share of any project supported through the TSP is 50%. Therefore, grantees are required to provide non-Federal funding of at least 50%. For example, if the total project cost is \$100,000, the maximum DHS grant award would be \$50,000 with the grantee required to provide the remaining 50%, or \$50,000.

For **Tier II** applicants, the maximum Federal share of any project supported through the TSP is 75%. Therefore, grantees are required to provide non-Federal funding of at least 25%. For example, if the total project cost is \$100,000, the maximum DHS grant award would be \$75,000 with the grantee required to provide the remaining 25%, or \$25,000.

The non-federal cost share may consist of either a cash or in-kind match for both Tiers.

How to Apply for Grant Funding

Applicants interested in applying for TSP funding are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applicants should be aware that the process involves a number of steps, can take several weeks to complete, and can be fairly time-consuming. The basic registration steps (described in detail at www.grants.gov) include:

- **Obtaining a user password at www.grants.gov** – This is a one-time process. It could take three to five business days for the password to be confirmed.
- **Creating a user profile with the Central Contractor Registration at www.ccr.gov** – It can take five to seven business days for the profile to be validated.
- **Registering with Operational Research Consultants** – The Federal government uses this credential provider to help safeguard electronic information.

- **Registering with www.grants.gov** – This includes identification of individuals who are authorized to submit grant applications, which could also take several days to confirm.

Applicants can download and begin filling out the grant application at any time, though the applications can be submitted only after the steps above are completed.

Important Application Dates

- **November 5, 2008** – DHS releases the grant guidance
- **January 13, 2009** – Grant applications are due through the www.grants.gov portal 45 days after the guidance is issued.
- **April 10, 2009** – DHS announces grant awards within 60 days of the application submission deadline.

For More Information

Below are sources of information to learn more about the TSP and other surface transportation grant programs:

TSP Conference Calls – TSA will provide an overview of the TSP and answer questions in a conference call with potential applicants on November 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM EST. Please join us at 1-877-988-9660 (Participant Code 6827433). Additional conference calls will be held every week on Tuesdays 1:00 PM EST starting November 18, 2008 through January 13, 2009 with the same dial-in number and participant code.

TSP Workshop - We will hold a workshop on November 12th in Washington DC to discuss in detail the FY09 TSP. Materials will be posted on the website after the workshop.

TSA Grants Website – www.tsa.gov/grants.

Federal Government Grants Website – www.grants.gov.

DHS Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) - Call 1-800-368-6498 or e-mail ASKCsid@dhs.gov.