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## **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Projects Administration (RSPA), in conjunction with FEMA, EPA, OSHA, and DOE recently announced the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program.

The purpose of the HMEP program is to provide planning and training grants to be used for HAZMAT training under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (Title III). Specifically, grants are to be used for:

- Developing, improving, and implementing emergency plans under Title III,
- Conducting commodity flow studies,
- Determining the need for regional HAZMAT response.

HMEP grants are also available for certain costs associated with training public sector employees to respond to HAZMAT incidents.

Additional information may be found on RSPA's website at

[www.rspa.dot.gov](http://www.rspa.dot.gov)

Airport operators of public airports may obtain the latest information about the HMEP program, including application procedures, by contacting their specific HAZMAT designated agencies.

Attached is a listing of designated agencies for states within the FAA's Southern Region.

# REGIONAL CONTACTS

## Designated Agencies (ASO)

### Alabama

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