

Fiscal Year 2008 Trucking Security Program

Department of Homeland Security



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide \$15,544,000 under the Trucking Security Program (TSP) to enhance our Nation's highway security in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. The TSP will fund a range of highway security initiatives under a single grant award, including participant identification and recruitment, planning, training, communications, and information analysis and distribution.

TSP to Fund Five Priority Initiatives in FY 2008

DHS will make a single grant award under a competitive application process to address these funding priorities:

- **Participant Identification and Recruitment** – Identifying and recruiting highway professionals, such as truckers, school bus drivers, motor coach drivers, highway workers, and first responder entities for enhancing highway security efforts; and developing a five-year strategic plan.
- **Planning** – Developing plans based on identified high-risk scenarios (e.g., truck hijacking, hazmat incidents), and conducting a risk assessment and/or hazard analysis.
- **Training** – Developing Web-based security training for highway professionals, specialized training for HAZMAT drivers, and training for State and local law enforcement organizations; developing an evaluation methodology for all training programs; and developing a five-year strategic plan for training.
- **Communications** – Staffing and maintaining a full-service, 24/7 call center with trained responders capable of providing first responder and law enforcement contact numbers and electronic linkages to registered participants; and developing a five-year strategic plan.
- **Information Analysis and Distribution** – Maintaining the Highway Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), located at the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC) in Herndon, Virginia; and developing strategies and recommendations for maintaining Highway ISAC operations.

Applicants are required to prepare an Investment Justification on each funding priority, though the single award will cover all functions.

There are no restrictions on the types of organizations that may apply for the grant. However, applicants must demonstrate that they have sufficient expertise, financial resources, and capacity to support all funding priorities.

How to Apply for Grant Funding

All entities interested in applying for the TSP grant 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

- **February 1, 2008** – DHS releases the grant guidance.
- **March 17, 2008** – Grant applications are due through the grants.gov portal 45 days after the guidance is issued.
- **May 16, 2008** – 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 weekly Tuesday conference calls with potential applicants starting on February 12, 2008 at 1:00 PM EST. Please join us at 1-877-988-9660 (Participant Code 6827433).
- **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.