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TO: All Prospective FY 2007 IBSGP Applicants

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SUBJECT: Tier I Eligibility for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Intercity Bus Security

Grant Program (IBSGP)

On January 9, 2007, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the availability of the FY 2007 IBSGP. Eligible FY 2007 IBSGP applicants will be placed into one of two tiers. Tier I will be comprised of the larger intercity bus systems in the country. Tier II will be comprised of intercity bus systems that meet the minimum eligibility requirements outlined in the FY 2007 IBSGP Guidance and Application Kit. The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to solicit specific information from prospective FY 2007 applicants that will allow the Department to identify bus companies eligible for Tier I.

Eligible Tier I bus companies must meet the minimum IBSGP eligibility requirements (outlined in the FY 2007 IBSGP Guidance and Application Kit), <u>AND</u> maintain an operational fleet size of at least 250 over-the-road buses. Prospective applicants are asked to provide the following information in order to determine eligibility for Tier I:

Describe the size of your fleet:

- Total number of over-the-road buses in service (excluding vehicles not in operation)
- Total number of over-the-road buses in eligible service categories¹
- The number of over-the-road buses utilized in each eligible service category and the UASI jurisdiction(s) being served. Also, identify how many of these service multiple UASI jurisdictions.
- A source which would allow DHS to verify fleet size, such as standard inventory documents, insurance policies on covered buses, copies of Unified Carrier Registrations, Single State Registrations, Department of Transportation numbers, etc.

¹ Note: School buses, fixed service routes under contract to transit authorities within UASI jurisdictions, and fixed service routes that do not include <u>at least</u> one stop in a qualifying UASI jurisdiction are not eligible service categories.

This information must be submitted via email to askcsid@dhs.gov no later than February 2, 2007. Tier 1 eligibility determinations will be made on the basis of the data provided, and DHS will provide a response to applicants in time for them to apply for funding in Tier 2 should they be found ineligible under Tier 1 criteria. Prospective Tier 1 applicants that do not submit their eligibility information to DHS by the February 2, 2007, deadline will automatically have any applications they submit considered as part of Tier 2.

For other questions regarding the FY 2007 IBSGP, please contact the G&T Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at 1-800-368-6498, or via email at askcsid@dhs.gov.