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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
                     All State Administrative Agency Points of Contact
                     All State Homeland Security Directors
                     All State Drivers' Licensing Authorities

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SUBJECT: Announcement of Funding Availability for the REAL ID Demonstration
                     Grant Program

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide State Agency contacts with
notice of funding availability for the FY 2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program.
Funding for the FY 2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program totals $31.3 million
and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Eligible applicants for REAL ID funding are
State Drivers' Licensing Authorities (DLA) which in most cases would be State Motor
Vehicle Administrations (MVA) or State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In some
cases, other agencies such as State Departments of Public Safety would be eligible
grant applicants if these agencies are responsible for DLA's in their State. Funding for
REAL ID is competitive and the Department of Homeland Security is seeking grant
applications that represent the combined efforts of multiple States to work
collaboratively in the design and development of a personal identification verification
system architecture that all States share.

Grant applications will be due at FEMA/GPD no later than 11:59 P.M., Eastern Standard
Time (EST), 45 days following the date of this announcement. Eligible applicants who
have not previously registered with Grants.gov should do so as soon as possible to
avoid any delays in submitting your REAL ID grant application. For registration
information for Grants.gov, go to
the Administration's common electronic "storefront" -- *grants.gov*. Eligible REAL ID
grant recipients must apply for funding through this portal, accessible on the Internet at
http://www.grants.gov. Registering with *grants.gov* is a one-time process; however, if

you are a first time registrant **it could take 3-5 business days to have your registration validated, confirmed, and receive your user name and password**. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified.

Should you have any questions, please contact your designated Preparedness Officer or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at 1-800-368-6498, or by email at askcsid@dhs.gov.