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TO: FY 2008 TSGP Tier II Applicants

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SUBJECT: FY 2008 TSGP Tier II Funding Availability

This Information Bulletin (IB) applies to eligible Tier II transit agencies outlined on page 17 of the FY 2008 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) Program Guidance and Application Kit.

Regional transit systems competed for available Tier II funding with award decisions announced on May 16, 2008 following a review of applications by subject matter experts according to criteria outlined in the FY 2008 TSGP Program Guidance and Application Kit. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) wishes to re-compete approximately \$6 million of unallocated FY 2008 TSGP Tier II funds and invites Tier II transit systems to submit new or revised applications. If an eligible transit agency chooses to resubmit a revised application that was submitted previously under the initial Tier II FY 2008 TSGP process, the re-submitted application will supersede the original submission. However, this re-submission will not affect the amount of the TSGP Tier II grant allocation announced on May 16, 2008. This recompete allows (1) transit agencies whose projects were not fully funded by the initial Tier II FY 2008 TSGP process to enhance and submit projects for reconsideration; (2) transit agencies who submitted in the initial process to submit new projects and (3) transit agencies that did not submit projects in the initial process to submit new projects (as detailed below). By separate email correspondence, TSA has provided agencies with feedback on (1) partially funded projects and/or (2) unfunded projects as recommended by the National Review Panel as a result of the initial Tier II FY 2008 TSGP process.

The application submission period will open on June 6, 2008. The deadline to complete and submit applications for remaining FY08 TSGP Tier II funds is 11:59 PM EDT June 23, 2008. There are, in general, three types of applications that can be submitted:

1. A revised application derived from a partially funded or unfunded project: If submitting a revised application, DHS prefers that all the components of the revised application are

- completely re-submitted. However, only those elements of the original application which were lacking or are being revised are *required* to be completed in response to this IB and submitted by the State Administrative Agency (SAA) through the Grant Management System (GMS) at <a href="https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov">https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov</a>.
- 2. <u>A new application from an agency that applied in the initial process</u>: Tier II agencies that wish to submit new applications not submitted in the initial Tier II FY 2008 TSGP process are welcome to do so through their State Administrative Agency (SAA).
- 3. A new application from an agency that did not apply in the initial process: Tier II agencies that did not submit projects under the initial Tier II FY 2008 TSGP process but wish to avail themselves of the opportunity presented by this IB may do so as well; they will need to submit a complete application to their SAA (see page 23, TSGP guidance and application kit).

For other questions regarding the FY 2008 TSGP, please contact the Grant Programs Directorate Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at 1-800-368-6498, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov">askcsid@dhs.gov</a>. General information regarding the FY 2008 TSGP may be found at <a href="http://www.tsa.gov/join/grants/tsgp.shtm">http://www.tsa.gov/join/grants/tsgp.shtm</a> or <a href="http://www.fema.gov/grants">http://www.fema.gov/grants</a>.