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SUBJECT: State and Local Approaches Bulletin

Many states and local jurisdictions are developing, implementing, and executing weapons of mass destruction (WMD) terrorism preparedness programs, or updating existing programs, as a result of the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) needs assessment and strategy development process. In so doing, ODP recognizes that many states and local jurisdictions have developed and implemented innovative approaches to WMD terrorism preparedness. The attached bulletin highlights one such program in the State of New York.

This bulletin is the second to be published in a series we are calling the *State and Local Approaches Program*. The purpose of this program is to document innovative practices, projects, programs, approaches, methods or techniques that greatly enhance the WMD preparedness of a state or local jurisdiction and can be replicated in other jurisdictions. The goals of the program are:

- Enhancing the ability of state and local jurisdictions to develop, plan, and implement a program for WMD preparedness through *information sharing*; and
- Enhancing the ability of state and local jurisdictions *to utilize innovative resources* for a WMD preparedness program.

ODP does not evaluate the initiatives highlighted in State and Local Approaches bulletins, and the sharing of information should not be interpreted as an endorsement by ODP. In addition, instructions for submitting projects for inclusion in a State and Local Approaches bulletin will be provided shortly in an ODP Fact Sheet. In the interim, please feel free to contact Gabrielle Meszaros-Parada at (202) 307-6061 for additional information regarding this program.