



# Homeland Security

## FY 2007 Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP)

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### Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP) is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness. Through CTGP, DHS provides funds to support the development of national preparedness training initiatives that further the DHS mission. The CTGP supports objectives addressed in a series of post September 11, 2001, laws, strategy documents, plans and Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs), including the National Preparedness Goal.

*The Fiscal Year 2007 Competitive Training Grant Program will provide approximately \$29.1 million for national preparedness training initiatives that further DHS's mission of preparing the nation to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism and catastrophic events.*

### Purpose

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 CTGP awards funds to competitively selected applicants to develop and deliver innovative training programs addressing high priority national homeland security training needs.

### Funding

The FY 2007 CTGP will provide approximately \$29.1 million.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: State, local, Tribal, and Territorial governments; national associations and organizations with a demonstrable stake in and/or expertise relevant to one of the focus areas; higher education institutions with existing programs that address one of the focus areas; nonprofits, including community and faith-based organizations with a demonstrable stake in and/or expertise relevant to one of the focus areas; and private sector corporations including owners and operators of critical infrastructure or other entities which can demonstrate a stake in and/or expertise relevant to one of the focus areas.

### How to Apply

Beginning April 17, 2007, eligible entities may apply for funding through the [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications can be received no later than 11:59 pm EST May 4, 2007. Registering with [Grants.gov](http://www.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 and confirmed, and to receive your user name and password. It is highly recommended that you start the registration process as early as possible.

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### **Program Highlights**

This year, five important focus areas have been identified for applicants to use in the development of their application and concept paper:

- Public communications;
- Executive leadership of homeland security programs;
- Intergovernmental coordination and planning;
- Managing homeland security risks; and
- Legal issues in preparation, response, and recovery.

Interested applicants will propose a national-scope training program for one of the focus areas and submit applications through the <http://www.grants.gov> website. Training should be designed for, and delivered to, appropriate State and local personnel with Homeland Security related responsibilities. The audience for training should be identified by applicants in their proposals. Awards will have a funding period not to exceed 36 months.

### **Peer Review Process and Evaluation Criteria**

DHS has established a two-step application process for CTGP. The first step involves the submission of an application on [Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) that includes an 8-page national training concept paper. Applicants competitively selected during this step will be invited to submit a more detailed national training proposal (step two).

Concept papers will be reviewed and evaluated for adherence to content and format requirements as established in the *CTGP Program Guidance and Application Kit*. Awardees will be determined following an independent subject matter expert evaluation and panel review of full proposals consisting of representatives from academia, industry, or federal government organizations, along with practitioners from Federal, State, and local criminal justice and public safety agencies.