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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program
Guidance and Application Kit

The Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) are pleased to announce the availability of the FY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit. This kit is now available online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

FY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)

The FY 2008 IECGP Program provides \$48,575,000 to improve local, tribal, regional, statewide, and national interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The funding will enable States, Territories, local units of government, and tribal communities to implement their Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP) and align to the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) to further enhance interoperability.

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2008 IECGP funds. Please note that the applications for FY 2008 IECGP funds will be submitted online, through the Grant Management System (GMS) at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. **The completed FY 2008 IECGP applications must be submitted via GMS no later than July 21, 2008.**

Additional questions may be directed to your Program Analyst or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.