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DOT Grants \$12.8 Million to First Responders and Emergency Workers to Improve Hazardous Materials Planning and Training

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters today announced grants to states, territories and Native American tribes totaling \$12.8 million for planning and training to improve the nation's response to hazardous materials transportation incidents. The grants help train first responders to react to incidents involving hazardous materials and to meet the challenges posed by new chemicals and alternative energy products like ethanol.

"This program is a valuable tool that builds upon and enhances the foundation of emergency response capabilities," Secretary Peters said. "The umbrella of hazardous materials safety offered from this DOT-funded specialized training is extensive."

The grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are funded by user fees paid by shippers and carriers of certain hazardous materials. Since 1993, over 2 million emergency responders and others have received training assistance nationwide using HMEP grants. Assistance was also given in fiscal year 2006 to approximately 1,700 local emergency planning committees in preparing and exercising hazardous materials emergency response plans and in conducting commodity flow studies that identify transportation hazards.

All 50 states, U.S. territories and many North American tribes received funding this year.

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FY 2007 HMEP GRANTS

States	<u>Amount</u>	
Alabama	\$236,183	
Alaska	\$82,560	
Arizona	\$183,283	
Arkansas	\$158,959	
California	\$964,316	
Colorado	\$181,716	
Connecticut	\$145,112	
Delaware	\$91,223	
Florida	\$453,407	
Georgia	\$300,494	
Hawaii	\$88,920	
Idaho	\$113,259	
Illinois	\$612,982	
Indiana	\$302,514	
Iowa	\$204,938	
Kansas	\$230,885	
Kentucky	\$182,148	
Louisiana	\$204,058	
Maine	\$107,242	
Maryland	\$186,902	
Massachusetts	\$214,283	
Michigan	\$331,393	
Minnesota	\$262,068	
Mississippi	\$177,883	
Missouri	\$266,548	
Montana	\$118,746	
Nebraska	\$183,399	
Nevada	\$123,594	
New Hampshire	\$106,013	
New Jersey	\$289,579	
New Mexico	\$150,123	
New York	\$470,968	
North Carolina	\$316,260	
North Dakota	\$137,298	
Ohio	\$510,751	

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FY 2007 HMEP GRANTS (Cont)

Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota	\$188,028 \$175,178 \$404,762 \$92,480 \$190,616 \$126,980	
South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	\$126,980 \$249,996 \$668,460 \$145,957 \$84,172 \$243,051 \$206,220 \$140,570 \$260,053 \$94,237	
District and Territories	<u>Amount</u>	
American Samoa District of Columbia Guam Northern Mariana Islands Puerto Rico U.S. Virgin Islands	\$66,207 \$73,484 \$67,353 \$65,973 \$126,417 \$66,984	
Native American Tribes		<u>Amount</u>
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, AZ Ely Shoshone Tribe, NV Pueblo of Laguna Tribe, N.M. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, NV Reno Sparks Indian Colony, NV Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, N.Y. The Confederated Salish & Kooten Washoe Tribe of Nevada and Califo Pueblo of Isleta Tribe, N.M. Pueblo of Acoma Tribe, N.M. Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin	,	\$160,000 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,626 \$19,625 \$16,556

\$12,800,000 TOTAL

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