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SUBJECT: FY 2005 Transit Security Grant Program Requirements

The Fiscal Year 2005 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and application kit was released on April 5, 2005. This information bulletin provides several important reminders about the guidance.

Regional Transit Security Strategy

A Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS) must be developed by each Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG) and should establish an overall vision of regional transit preparedness. The RTSS will serve as the strategy for the region with specific goals and objectives as they relate to prevention, detection, response, and recovery.

Per the FY 05 TSGP Program Guidance, the RTSWG should leverage existing strategy documents including the Transit System Risk Assessment and Security and Emergency Preparedness Plans for participating transit agencies. The RTSS must specifically address improvised explosive devices (IED), as well as chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear prevention, detection and response capabilities, and the actions necessary to address any gaps. A template for the RTSS is available electronically on the ODP Secure Portal at <https://odp.esportals.com>.

Consensus of Funding Allocation

Per the FY 05 TSGP Program Guidance, the certification regarding Regional Consensus on Funding Allocation form must be submitted by the State Administrative Agency (SAA). This form requires **only** the signatures of the eligible transit agencies and the SAA representative from the State or States involved in the RTSWG. It is the responsibility of the SAA to obtain the required signatures and submit the form via fax to the Office of State and Local Government Coordination & Preparedness (SLGCP) at (202) 786-9930.

Additional Information

For your convenience, a Fact Sheet containing additional information about the TSGP has been attached. For specific information concerning eligibility and grant guidelines, please refer to the TSGP application kit at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/fy2005tsgp.pdf>. Questions related to this grant program may be directed to tsgp@dhs.gov or to the SLGCP Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk 1-800-368-6498. Frequently asked questions regarding the TSGP will be addressed in bi-weekly conference calls every other Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. EST, beginning April 20th.

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