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SUBJECT: On-Line Data Collection Tool Enhancements to Assist with Three-Year
Equipment, Training, Technical Assistance and Exercise Projections

The Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support (OSLDPS) has learned that some local first responder jurisdictions are having difficulty providing the three-year projection data for equipment, training, exercises and technical assistance which are required components of the Fiscal Year 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program needs assessment process. To assist local first responder jurisdictions that simply have no data to report in one or more of these areas, OSLDPS has implemented new functionality in the On-Line Data Collection Tool that will allow local users to submit their assessments to the state administrative agency (SAA) without the missing information. However, before the Tool will allow the local first responder jurisdiction to submit an incomplete assessment to the SAA, a warning is provided which notes the section of the three-year projection where no data is provided, and requires acknowledgment by the user of their desire to proceed. The SAA then has the option to change request the assessment back to the local first responder jurisdiction that submitted it, and work with that jurisdiction to develop the missing three-year projection data, or accept the assessment as submitted.

In addition, to assist local first responder jurisdictions that have equipment projection data, but lack the ability to provide accurate estimates of the costs involved, OSLDPS is pleased to provide the attached list of cost estimates for equipment contained in the authorized equipment list for the Fiscal Year 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. Please note that this list is intended only as a resource to assist those jurisdictions having difficulty in completing this component of the assessment process. Use of these cost estimates is **not** mandatory.

For technical assistance with all existing elements of the On-Line Data Collection Tool, you may contact the OJP toll-free help line at 1-888-549-9901. Assistance with the public health assessment may be obtained by calling the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention help line at 1-800-747-7649. You may also contact your OSLDPS program manager for additional information and assistance related to conduct of the needs assessment and development of your three-year state strategy.

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