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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirement

The Office of Grants and Training (G&T) would like to remind SAA offices and Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 TSGP Tier 2 sub-grantees of the requirement to submit the NEPA questionnaire found in Appendix F of the FY2006 TSGP guidance for all TSGP projects. Tier 1 subgrantees are similarly reminded to submit the NEPA questionnaire once their projects are **approved**. Separate questionnaires are required for each approved project.

The receipt, review, and approval of these documents will allow G&T to proceed with an appropriate Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) allowing the draw down of funds.

Additional Information

For your convenience, a copy of the NEPA questionnaire is attached. Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.

Transit Security Grant Program NEPA Resource Guide

Applicant Name:
Application Number:

Question 1: Is the project likely to have a significant impact on properties protected under section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC§470), E.O. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 USC §§469a-1 et. seq.)?

Examples

For example, will historic buildings or archeological sites be affected by the project?

Helpful Links

Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC§470)

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/16/470.html>

Executive Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties)

http://gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?P=XAE&contentId=12094&contentType=GSA_BASIC

Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 USC §§469a-1 et. seq.)

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/16/469a-1.html>

National Register of Historic Places

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/>

Question 2: Is the project likely to be highly controversial on environmental grounds? The project is considered highly controversial when it is opposed on environmental grounds by a Federal, state, or local government agency or by a substantial number of persons affected by the project.

Examples

Have you had any Federal, state, or local government opposition to past projects? Are there community advocacy or homeowners groups near your facility that may oppose the project?

Question 3: Is the project likely to have a significant impact on natural, ecological, cultural, or scenic resources of national, state, or local significance?

Examples

For example, are there any vistas, landmarks, wetlands, or cultural resources (e.g., areas which have significant cultural importance to Native Americans) that may be affected by the project?

Question 4: Is the project likely to be highly controversial with respect to the availability of adequate relocation housing? In a project involving relocation of persons or businesses, a controversy over the amount of acquisition or relocation payments is not considered to be a controversy with respect to the availability of adequate relocation housing.

Examples

Will families or communities be displaced either for short or long term as a result of the project?

Question 5: Is the project likely to cause substantial division or disruption of an established community, or disrupt orderly, planned development, or is it likely to not be reasonably consistent with plans or goals that have been adopted by the community in which the project is located?

Examples

For example, will the project result in road closures or fencing which could impact community accessibility?

Question 6: Is the project likely to cause a significant increase in surface traffic congestion?

Examples

For example, would credential checks at gates or the closing of publicly accessible access roads result in congestion on public roads?

Question 7: Is the project likely to have a significant impact on noise levels of noise sensitive areas?

Examples

For example, would the project create excessive noise resulting in discomfort, inconvenience, or interference with the use and enjoyment of property? Will the project have potential to result in the violation of local noise ordinances? Secondly, many National Parks are imposing restrictions to preserve the natural “soundscapes”, or to protect wildlife that could be adversely affected.

Question 8: Is the project likely to have a significant impact on air quality or violate the local, state or Federal standards for air quality?

Examples

Check with your state’s Environmental Protection Agency, or some areas have local air quality boards or districts.

Question 9: Is the project likely to have a significant impact on water quality or contaminate a public water supply system?

Examples

For example, would run off from construction, fencing or barriers affect surface water sources or local reservoirs?

Question 10: Is the project likely to be inconsistent with any Federal state, or local law or administrative determination relating to the environment?

Helpful Links

*A good place to check would be your Regional Council of Government.
National Association of Regional Councils*

<http://www.narc.org/>

Question 11: Is the project likely to directly or indirectly affect human beings by creating a significant impact on the environment?

Helpful Links

Definitions of significant impact can be found on the Council of Environmental Quality's website (Sec. 1508.27 Significantly).

<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/1508.htm#1508.27>