

# Cities Readiness Initiative



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A pilot program to prepare major U.S. metropolitan areas to dispense needed drugs and medical supplies within 48 hours of the decision to do so.



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## CRI Planning Assumptions

- Response to an outdoor anthrax release drives planning
- Must offer prophylaxis to the “population at risk” within 48 hours to avert mass casualties
- In early hours of response, uncertainty in Epi & modeling likely to compel decision to offer broadly



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## Group I (Pilot)

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|---------------|------------------|
| ▪ Atlanta     | ▪ Miami          |
| ▪ Boston      | ▪ Minneapolis    |
| ▪ Chicago     | ▪ New York       |
| ▪ Cleveland   | ▪ Philadelphia   |
| ▪ Dallas      | ▪ Phoenix        |
| ▪ Denver      | ▪ San Diego      |
| ▪ Detroit     | ▪ San Francisco  |
| ▪ Houston     | ▪ Seattle        |
| ▪ Las Vegas   | ▪ St. Louis      |
| ▪ Los Angeles | ▪ Washington, DC |



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## Group II (Lean Forward)

- Baltimore, MD
- Cincinnati, OH
- Columbus, OH
- Indianapolis, IN
- Kansas City, MO
- Milwaukee, WI
- Orlando, FL
- Portland, OR
- Providence, RI
- Riverside, CA
- Sacramento, CA
- San Antonio, TX
- San Jose, CA
- Tampa, FL
- Virginia Beach, VA



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## Roles & Responsibilities

- States
  - \$40,181,000 through existing CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement
  - Provide oversight and guidance for local programs
- Locals
  - Develop dispensing capability
  - Forge local partnerships across MSA
    - Health Departments
    - Law Enforcement
    - Emergency Response
    - Health Care



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## Federal Responsibilities

- Funding
- Guidance
- Technical Assistance
- Lessons Learned



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## Technical Assistance

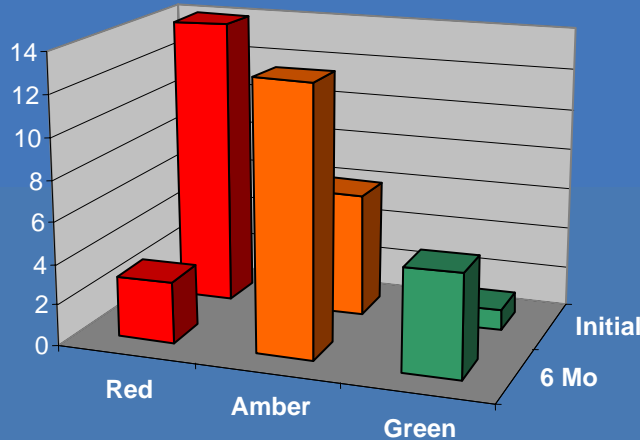
- Training – Atlanta & Locally
- Satellite Broadcasts
- Extranet & List Serve
- CRI National Meetings
- USPS Planning
- Action Plans
- Progress Assessments



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## Six Month Progress



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## USPS Plan

- Federal resource for local response
- USPS could deliver meds to each household in designated zip codes
- Available only to Group I MSA's this year



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## USPS Advantages

- Postal Service routinely delivers to each resident daily
- Allows to “shelter in place”
- Can supplement more traditional dispensing plans & relieve pressure on PODs



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## USPS Challenges

- Uniform delivery to each mailbox
- Requires advance planning
- Postal workers will be volunteers
- Requires armed guard for each delivery route



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## Lessons Learned

- Partnerships are essential
- Sustained funding will improve stability and enhance success
- Greater involvement of political leadership is needed
- Assessment process needs to be more robust
- [LLIS.DHS.GOV](http://LLIS.DHS.GOV)



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