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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties in the Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental Award

FROM: W. Craig Fugate, Director
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SUBJECT: Advance Notification Regarding Availability of Funds
Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental Award

The Division of Emergency Management is providing you with advance notification of its intent to open an application cycle for competitive awards with funds from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Supplemental award. We anticipate the official Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be announced in the December 7, 2007 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly, with an application submission deadline of February 7, 2008. Funds provided will be available to award recipients no earlier than July 1, 2008.

These competitive funds will be provided to municipalities with a population of 100,000 or less, are legally constituted, have an authorized, established, and maintained emergency management program, as well as a signed current Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA). Each Municipal Emergency Management Program may apply for one competitive grant under this program, not to exceed \$50,000. The Division encourages all interested and eligible parties with projects that will enhance emergency management capabilities within the State of Florida to apply for funds during this open period.

Projects that will promote solutions for removing barriers to emergency preparedness will receive additional points. These priorities include, but are not limited to, projects which address community preparedness, such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) and local Emergency Operations Centers/Emergency Management Incident Management Teams (IMTs); public information and education building on the theme of "Get a Plan"; special needs populations to include low income, the frail, the elderly, the disabled and language barriers; the care and sheltering of people with their pets; and/or transportation issues.

All critical facility projects, at a minimum, whether mitigation, retrofit, renovations or new construction, must conform to the hurricane vulnerability guidelines established in the American Red Cross' publication "Standards for Hurricane Evacuation Shelter Selection" (ARC 4496, January 2002). To assist in the determination of a facility's compliance with these guidelines, an ARC 4496 Evaluation Questionnaire will be made available. If these standards

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cannot be met until the project is complete, the evaluation will need to reflect what measures will be used to reach a compliance status. **THE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.** Critical facilities include, but are not limited to, hurricane shelters, Emergency Operations Centers, structures for fire stations, rescue operations of law enforcement facilities, hospitals and public works facilities, etc. Other more stringent codes and standards may apply to new construction or substantial renovation/retrofit projects.

TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION AND ARC 4496 EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.floridadisaster.org/eps/grants.htm.

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