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District Programs Information Bulletin

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TO: All District Administrative Coordinators
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All Emergency Management Directors

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Subject: 2013 HMEP Funds

Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide program guidance for the 2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant.

Overview

The HMEP grant is a Federal grant to the State of Indiana from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the purposes of hazardous materials planning, training and exercise. The grant performance period is one year with no opportunity for extension. The grant requires funds two distinct categories which are planning and training. The grant has traditionally been sub-granted solely to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). In recent past years, a significant amount of these grant funds have not been spent and returned to the Federal government. The 2013 award to Indiana was \$536,745 and requires a 25% match.

Historical problems with HMEP

In recent years, the HMEP grant has revealed several programmatic issues:

1. Significant funds have not been spent and have been returned to the Federal government.
2. Standard hazardous materials training courses provided by HMEP funds have not been coordinated and resulted in duplication of effort with low course enrollment for expensive training.

This Informational Bulletin is intended to communicate guidance and clarification of District Programs. The information contained herein supersedes all previous information or guidance pertaining to the subject. This information is intended to help districts plan, prepare, take appropriate actions and collaborate. Any questions pertaining to this bulletin may be directed to the Field Services Division at 317-234-7228. To be added to the District Informational Bulletins distribution list, please send an email to fieldservices@dhs.in.gov.

HMEP Planning Funds

The planning award was \$252,229. The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that 75% of the planning funds be sub-granted to LEPCs and used on hazardous material planning initiatives. IDHS encourages LEPCs to conduct the following activities with this funding:

1. Hazardous materials exercises
2. Commodity flow studies
3. Hazardous materials threat and vulnerability studies
4. Hazardous materials capability gap analysis
5. Hazardous materials team standard operating procedure development

HMEP Training Funds

The training award was \$284,516. The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that these funds be spent on hazardous material training for governmental responders. In order to better coordinate training and maximize the training allocation, IDHS will use a significant portion of its training award to provide the following courses:

1. Hazardous materials – awareness
2. Hazardous materials – operations
3. Hazardous materials – technician
4. Chemistry

These training course offerings will be announced at a later date.

To the extent possible, IDHS provided HMEP training funds to those LEPCs that have historically demonstrated an ability to effectively spend all allocated funds. LEPCs should NOT use these funds for the conduct of the above listed courses. Individuals needing these courses should take advantage of the state course offerings. Instead, LEPCs should use allocated training funds for other hazardous materials training needs.

HMEP Grant Management

In order to mitigate the amount of funds returned to the Federal government, IDHS will only provide a 6 month performance period for these funds with little opportunity for extension. Extensions will be granted on a case by case basis with good cause. Generally, any un-obligated funds after six months will be required to be returned to IDHS for re-allocation.

HMEP Allocations

1. Adams	Planning	\$750.00	Training	\$4,415.00
2. Allen	Planning	\$9,000.00	Training	\$10,000.00
3. Clay	Planning	\$2,400.00	Training	\$1,500.00
4. Daviess	Planning	\$900.00	Training	\$6,000.00
5. Delaware	Planning	\$3,400.00	Training	\$0.0
6. Dubois	Planning	\$8,750.00	Training	\$0.0
7. Gibson	Planning	\$15,925.00	Training	\$0.0
8. Grant	Planning	\$4,000.00	Training	\$5,000
9. Greene	Planning	\$15,000.00	Training	\$0.0
10. Hamilton	Planning	\$9,000.00	Training	\$5,850.00
11. Jefferson	Planning	\$10,000.00	Training	\$3,500.00
12. Johnson	Planning	\$8,000.00	Training	\$3,500.00
13. Madison	Planning	\$8,750.00	Training	\$10,000.00
14. Marion	Planning	\$12,800.00	Training	\$0.0
15. Monroe	Planning	\$16,000.00	Training	\$1,315.00
16. Posey	Planning	\$0.0	Training	\$2,500.00
17. Pulaski	Planning	\$4,400.00	Training	\$3,500.00
18. Tippecanoe	Planning	\$8,750.00	Training	\$10,000.00
19. Vanderburgh	Planning	\$19,700.00	Training	\$6,920.00
20. Warrick	Planning	\$21,760.00	Training	\$0.0

Questions

Any questions pertaining to this information bulletin may be directed to John Steel, LEPC Coordinator, jsteel@dhs.in.gov.