Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Intercity Passenger Rail (Amtrak) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) program?

   The IPR program is part of the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Its purpose is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies within the Amtrak rail system.

2. How much funding was available under the FY 2009 IPR program?

   The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2009 IPR program is $25,000,000.

3. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 IPR funds?

   The National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) was the only eligible agency to receive FY 2009 Intercity Passenger Rail (Amtrak) funding.

4. How were the FY 2009 IPR awards determined?

   Amtrak was the only eligible grantee under the FY 2009 IPR program.

5. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 IPR program?

   The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

6. Where is the FY 2009 IPR Guidance and Application Kit located?

   The FY 2009 TSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at http://www.fema.gov/grants as well as on http://www.grants.gov.
7. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

8. What is the FY 2009 IPR program period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.