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All State Emergency Management Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant
Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

Today, the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), a component of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is announcing the availability of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The EMPG NOFO is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> and at <http://www.grants.gov>.

The EMPG Program provides \$350,100,000 to assist state, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act). This total funding amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund that FEMA must make available to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the *Compact of Free Association Act* (Pub. L. No. 108-188). Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from all hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions.

The intent of the FY 2015 EMPG Program is to provide grant funding to assist state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies in obtaining the resources required to support the National Preparedness Goal's (the Goal) associated Mission Areas and Core Capabilities. The federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, guidance, and assistance so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards.

Completed final applications for the EMPG program must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EST, April 24, 2015**. Applying for an award under this program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. To ensure that an application is submitted on time, applicants are advised to start the required steps well in advance of their submission. **Applicants should allow at least 15 business days (three weeks) to complete the five steps of applying listed below.** Failure of an applicant to comply with any of the required steps before the deadline for submitting an application will automatically disqualify the application from funding.

The steps involved in applying for an award under this program are:

- 1) Applying for, updating, or verifying their Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number;
- 2) Applying for, updating, or verifying their Employer Identification Number (EIN);
- 3) Updating or verifying their System for Award Management (SAM) registration;
- 4) Submitting an initial application in grants.gov; and
- 5) Submitting the complete application in ND Grants.

To ensure adequate time to complete the full application process, applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov (Step 4) at least ten (10) days before the April 24, 2015 application deadline.

Additional questions should be directed to your FEMA Program Analyst (PA) or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at askcsid@dhs.gov or (800) 368-6498.