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MEMORANDUM FOR: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: Information Bulletin No. 406 – Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

Effectively immediately, funds under the EMPG Program may be used to purchase equipment types under the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) equipment category of the Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The PPE category includes equipment items that fall under the following sub-categories:

- Protective clothing
- Respiratory protection equipment
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Terrorism Protective Ensembles
- Tactical Law Enforcement Protective Equipment
- Proximity Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting with Optional CBRNE Protection Ensembles
- Structural Fire Fighting and Structural Fire Fighting with Optional CBRNE Protection Ensembles
- Splash-Protective Ensembles and Items
- Surface Water Operations Protective Clothing and Equipment
- CBRNE Technical Rescue Protective Ensemble
- Rescue and Recovery Technical Rescue Protective Ensemble
- Utility Technical Rescue Protective Ensemble
- Ensembles with Optional Flash Fire Protection
- Water Operations
- PPE Accessories
- Ancillary Equipment

The AEL includes links to the Standardized Equipment List (SEL), which houses information such as operating considerations, training requirements, and standards for most of the equipment items. The AEL has programmatic guidance that recipients must follow for many of the equipment items. Modifications have been made to the AEL to reflect the EMPG Program as a related grant program for all PPE items.

Please remember that neither the mission nor the scope of the EMPG Program has changed and funding should still be used to obtain the resources required to prepare for all hazards. If you need additional information regarding the purchase of PPE under the EMPG Program, please contact your Regional Program Analyst.