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FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (TSGP) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES

PRIORITY SCORING GROUPS

Priority scoring groups were removed to encourage agencies to focus on their individual risks and threats and not only on projects in high-scoring priority groups. In FY 2016, the TSGP will remove the four FY 2015 Priority Scoring Groups and replace them with three equal Funding Priority Areas:

1. **Operational Activities:** Training, drills/exercises, public awareness, security planning
2. **Operational Deterrence:** Operational Packages, Directed/Surge Patrols on Overtime
3. **Capital Projects***

* For capital projects only, priority consideration will be given in the following order:

1. Top Transit Asset List (TTAL) Infrastructure
2. Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure
 - Tunnel Hardening
 - High-Density Elevated Operations
 - Multi-User High-Density Stations
 - Hardening of supervisory control and data acquisition, other industrial control systems, or other anti-terrorism cyber security programs
 - Sustainment/maintenance
3. Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure
 - Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for high-density stations and bridges
 - Sustainment/maintenance
4. Key Operating Asset Protection
 - Physical hardening/security of control centers
 - Secure stored/parked trains, engines, and buses (bus/rail yards)
 - Maintenance facilities
 - Bus/train hardening
 - Sustainment/maintenance
5. Other Mitigation Activities
 - Interoperable communications
 - Anti-terrorism security enhancement measures for low-density stations
 - Sustainment/maintenance
 - Other uses of funds, as outlined in Public Law 110-53 Section 1406(b)(1)

SCORING MODIFICATIONS

Scoring will continue to be based solely on information received in the individual Investment Justification (IJ). IJs will be scored based on the following five criteria with modifications from FY 2015 highlighted below:



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1. **Cost Effectiveness** with regard to the expected impact on security relative to the investment based on information provided in the IJ to the security impact, as well as justification for the strategic use of the proposed budget. (Score Range: 0-12)
2. **Feasibility** with regard to the likelihood of increasing security effectively based on the ability to reduce risk of catastrophic events. (Score Range: 0-12)
3. **Sustainability** without additional Federal funds and leveraging of other funding. (0 or 2)
 - **FY 2016 Criteria Change:** Sustainability was previously rated on a score range of 0-4.
4. **Timely Completion** with regard to the ability to complete the proposed project within submitted timeframes specified in the grant guidance. (0 or 2)
 - **FY 2016 Criteria Change:** Timely Completion was previously rated on a score range of 0-4.
5. **Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE) Review Alignment** will be a score range of 1-3 to align with green/yellow/red BASE scoring.
 - **FY 2016 Criteria Change:** BASE Review Alignment was previously rated on a score range of 0-12 and affected Funding Priority Area 'A' project types in FY 2015.

FY 2016 Effectiveness in Remediating TTAL Assets Criteria Change: This criteria which affected Priority Area 'C' and 'D' project types in FY 2015 will be incorporated into the Cost Effectiveness score.

CONTROLLED AND PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

On January 16, 2015, President Barack Obama issued Executive Order 13688, *Federal Support for Local Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition*, to identify actions that can improve federal support for the appropriate use, acquisition, and transfer of controlled equipment by state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The Executive Order specifically prohibits certain equipment from being purchased with federal funds. The prohibited and controlled equipment rules have been included in this year's NOFO following the direction of Executive Order 13688 and apply to all grant recipients that request controlled equipment.