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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Grant Programs

FEMA Regional Administrators All State Administrative Agencies All State Homeland Security Directors

All FEMA Grant Recipients and Subrecipients

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SUBJECT: FEMA Compliance with Executive Order 14305:

Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty

I. Purpose

This Information Bulletin (IB) provides notification of FEMA's compliance with <u>Executive Order</u> 14305: "Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty."

II. Applicability

This IB is applicable to all eligible state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) agency recipients and subrecipients under FEMA financial assistance programs.

III. Guidance

On June 6, 2025, the President issued Executive Order 14305: "Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty." Section 6(c) of the order requires FEMA, to the extent allowed by law, to ensure that its grant programs permit eligible SLTT agencies to receive grants to purchase unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), otherwise known as drones, or equipment or services for the detection, tracking, or identification of drones and drone signals, consistent with the legal authorities of those SLTT agencies.

Accordingly, if the purchase of UAS or equipment or services to detect, track, or identify drones and drone signals is within the existing scope of any FEMA grant program that prohibits such purchases, then the prohibition is superseded by Executive Order 14305, unless otherwise restricted by law. Any existing grant program restrictions not required by law will be revised to

align with Executive Order 14305, as appropriate. Applicable recipients and subrecipients are permitted to purchase UAS, equipment, or services for such purposes, consistent with the legal authorities of the SLTT agencies.

IV. Questions

Questions regarding this IB may be directed to FEMA-Grants-News@fema.dhs.gov.

V. Review Date

This IB will be reviewed within four years from the date of issuance.