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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: FY 2005 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program Release

The Department of Homeland Security is pleased to announce its Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP). The mission of the FY 2005 IBSGP is to create a sustainable effort for the protection of critical transportation infrastructure from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and severe disruption. Key features of the program include:

- Provides **$9,657,138** to owners/operators of fixed route, intercity bus services using over-the-road buses. Funding will be provided directly to successful applicants.

- Eligibility will be determined based on the type of service provided (fixed-route, intercity bus services using over-the-road buses) and service to defined Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. Please refer to the (FY) 2005 Intercity Bus Security Grant Guidelines and Application Kit at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm for the list of eligible bus companies.

- Intra-city and charter/tour bus services are ***not eligible*** for funding under the FY 2005 IBSGP.

- The program places a strong emphasis on prevention and detection relative to improvised explosive devices (IEDs), as well as chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear devices (including sensors, canine units, etc.).

- Applications must be received by May 23, 2005.

- Successful applicants will be selected through a competitive process. ODP staff will review the NRP recommendations and make final selections for funding. ***As part of the final***

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selection process, ODP staff will coordinate facility security enhancement projects identified for funding with the State Administrative Agency (SAA) in the affected states to ensure consistency with the State and Urban Area Homeland Security strategies. SAA input will be factored into the final decision making process.

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