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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSBI)

In light of the heightened concerns about possible attacks on transit assets here in the United States, the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) encourages all urban area and transit system partners to consider sending key safety and security personnel to SLGCP's "Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSBI)" course offered through the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (http://www.emrtc.nmt.edu/**), an element of SLGCP's National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.**

This course provides training on the suicide bombing threat, including familiarization with improvised explosive devices (IED) and explosive materials typically used in suicide bombings. It also addresses actions that individual emergency responders can take to assist in preventing or deterring suicide bombings, as well as techniques, tactics, and procedures that support an effective and safe response to a suicide bombing. Course objectives include:

- Providing participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to identify and report pre-attack indicators, and to participate in an integrated response to a suicide bombing using safe and effective techniques, tactics, and procedures; and,
- Providing participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent and/or deter suicide bombings, and to plan for and direct the repose to these incidents.

Because of the relevance of this course to the current security situation for transit systems, States are instructed to give preference to transit personnel when scheduling this course. Transit systems interested in sending key personnel to this course should contact the designated Training Point-of-Contact (POC) for their State. A copy of the current POC list is attached.

For more information on the PRSBI course, the authorized use of grant funds for IED prevention and detection, or to request assistance with problems encountered in the expenditure of grant funds, please contact your SLGCP Preparedness Officer, or the SLGCP Helpline at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov.

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