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SUBJECT: State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy Update Extension

As introduced in Information Bulletin No. 183, States and FY2005 Urban Areas are required to update their Homeland Security Strategies to ensure that they support the National Preparedness Goal and reflect the seven National Priorities.

Late last month, our Nation suffered the enormous tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. It is critically important that near-term efforts as a Nation be dedicated to the ongoing recovery efforts in the Gulf States. In light of this situation, the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is extending the deadline for strategy submission by one month. States and FY2005 Urban Areas must submit their updated Homeland Security Strategies to ODP by **October 31, 2005**.

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