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TO: All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: SLGCP Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

The Systems Support Division (SSD) within SLGCP is launching the next phase of the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) to provide smaller law enforcement and other emergency responder agencies working in task forces with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. Equipment available in this phase includes defensive and protective equipment, detection, search and rescue equipment, information sharing and risk assessment software, and interoperable communications technology.

Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from UASI. Agencies and departments in suburban, rural and border areas are encouraged to apply for equipment that will be used to respond through mutual aid and to protect infrastructure in those areas.

Applications for this phase will be received on line at the SLGCP Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), hosted by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) from November 7, 2005 through January 13, 2006. The CEDAP on line application is user friendly and easy to complete. Applicants will have the ability to store and edit their applications before making a final submission. The head of the applicant agency will receive an automated email notifying them that an application has been filed on behalf of their agency. The agency head will then have an opportunity to review the application and certify that their agency is making an official request for assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the CEDAP program.

The SAA will also receive automated e-mail notifications regarding CEDAP applications submitted to SLGCP from their states. SAA's are required to either concur or non-concur that the equipment request is consistent with the state homeland security strategy. In order for SAA's to log into the RKB web site and view pending applications from their state, the SAA must be a registered user of the RKB. To register, SAA's should access www.rkb.mipt.org and follow the online registration instructions. In the event that the SAA does not concur with the application, CEDAP will notify the applicant and give them an opportunity to revise their submission. The SAA will then have the opportunity to review the revised application and either concur or non-concur.

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SLGCP will notify successful applicants and schedule them for the required training and delivery conference, which will be held in the spring of 2006.

If you have any questions about the CEDAP program, please contact your preparedness officer or the SLGCP CSID Helpline at 1-800-368-6498.