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To: Law Enforcement Leaders

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner

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Re: Process of FFY 2007 Competitive Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention (LETPP) Grant Program

I am pleased to announce the process for the FFY 2007 **Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant Program**. Congress and the President continue to annually adjust the funding level and The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) allocation formula nationally to facilitate the allocation and application of resources to generate the highest return on the National investment in order to strengthen National preparedness in the most effective and efficient manner. NH continues to see significant annual reductions in funding levels for this grant program. NH Law Enforcement is collaborative, by nature and necessity. I trust the opportunity to evolve with this national prevention based focus will strengthen the safety and security of NH citizens.

LETPP Program Overview

In FFY 2007, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) is focusing on providing resources to law enforcement and public safety communities (working with their private partners) to support critical terrorism prevention activities such as establishing/enhancing "intelligence fusion centers" and collaborating with non-law enforcement partners, other government agencies, and the private sector. The Department of Safety (DOS) has followed a deliberate and input-based path resulting in a decided focus of the investment FY 2007 LETPP funds entirely toward the establishment and enhancement of the statewide, collaborative Information and Analysis Center (IAC) in recognition of this national priority and the overall reduction in funding to the grant program. The IAC development process will be a paradigm shift from past LETPP activities. The Homeland Security Grant Review Committee also approved this course at their September 13, 2007 meeting.

On January 23, 2007, a working group consisting of state, local and county officials representing police, fire, EMS, all divisions of the Department of Safety, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Volunteer NH, the NH Department of Justice and other key stakeholders convened to determine which National Priorities and Target Capabilities were priorities in the State of NH. The process determined the "Investments" and funds for which the State of NH would compete, under DHS program guidelines in FFY 2007. Only DHS approved "investments" may be funded through the grant process.

NH's approved Investment for LETPP funded local enhancements is "Intelligence Analysis and Production – Information and Analysis Center Development." All LETPP funds awarded must be in line with this investment and the National Priorities and Target Capabilities listed below:

The LETPP investment supports the following National Priorities:

- A. Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
- B. Expanded Regional Collaboration

The LETPP investment supports the following Target Capabilities:

- Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings #5
- Intelligence Analysis and Production #6
- Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination #7
- Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations #8

Per DHS 2007 HSGP Program Guidance, "The SAA (Department of Safety) must coordinate the implementation of this program with the State's Lead Law Enforcement Agency (LLEA)." The NH State Police is designated the LLEA. The State Police Terrorism Intelligence Unit is the leading point of contact for the IAC.

You will find extensive information about HSGP programs, the National Preparedness Goal, NIMS and the National Response Plan on our website <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/index.html> . At this site you will also find:

- LETPP application forms
- FY 2007 Authorized Equipment List
- Executive Summary of the NH State Homeland Security Strategy
- Contact Information for the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee
- Contact Information for Application Help
- Contact Information for Training and Exercise Funds
- Frequently Asked Questions

All competitive grant applications are due to the Department of Safety Grants Management Unit no later than noon on Friday, April 4, 2008. The Homeland Security Grant Review Committee will continue to play a role in the review and recommendation of specific grant requests under this program. The LETPP application and program process is significantly different than in the past. Potential grantees must review the requirements carefully prior to submitting applications for program funds.

All Homeland equipment purchases, planning activities, exercises, training activities, and overtime or backfill reimbursements are subject to State and Federal approvals and guidelines. The Department of Safety Grant Administrator will coordinate approval with DHS as necessary. It is critical that applicants remain consistent with their approved application when purchasing equipment or conducting training, planning and exercises under this LETPP grant program.

We look forward to assisting you with the 2007 LETPP Homeland grant process. Please contact the Grants Management Unit at 271-7663 for more information. Or you can e-mail your questions and comments to homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us.