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Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Trucking Security Program (TSP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the purpose of the FY 2007 TSP?

The purpose of the FY 2007 TSP is to sustain the Highway Watch® Program to enhance homeland security through increased vigilance and awareness on our Nation's highways.

Who is eligible for the FY 2007 TSP?

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) is the sole entity eligible to apply.

What is Highway Watch®?

The Highway Watch® Program is a cooperative agreement with the American Trucking Associations. The Highway Watch® Program recruits and trains transportation professionals on how to identify and report security and safety situations on our Nation's roads. The program seeks participation from commercial truck drivers, highway maintenance and construction workers, law enforcement, first responders, school and commercial bus drivers, and others who regularly work on our Nation's roads. The program operates and maintains a Highway Information Sharing and Analysis Center located at the Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC) in Herndon, Virginia.

How much funding is being awarded through the FY 2007 TSP?

A total of \$11,640,000 million will be awarded to ATA through the FY 2007 TSP.

What is the submission deadline for the FY 2007 TSP application?

The application deadline for the FY 2007 TSP is 11:59 PM EST, March 6, 2007.

How does ATA apply for the FY 2007 TSP?

ATA must apply for FY 2007 TSP funding through www.grants.gov.

How does the FY 2007 TSP improve homeland security?

The FY 2007 TSP adds a layer of security that would otherwise not be in place. The TSP taps into available resources by training highway professionals to be more aware of their surroundings and to learn what homeland security related information is pertinent to report and to whom. It provides, as tools to combat terrorism, a resource network and an analysis center; both link transportation professionals efficiently and effectively to appropriate federal, State, local, tribal, and regional law enforcement professionals, and enable them to share information to combat terrorist activity and resolve safety concerns.

What are the priorities of the FY 2007 TSP?

The FY 2007 TSP project priorities are:

1. Participant Identification and Recruitment:

- Motor Carriers – Recruit new motor carriers (e.g., truck, bus, truck driving schools, school transportation) that will actively participate in and support Highway Watch® training;
- Individual Drivers – Recruit active current drivers to include independent, unaffiliated drivers, passenger carriers, and other vehicle fleets to expand the program;
- Responder/Law Enforcement – Recruit first responder/enforcement entities that will actively support Highway Watch® goals regarding driver training.

2. Training:

- Implement an evaluation methodology to ensure that the Highway Watch® training program is addressing homeland security and safety issues in conjunction with the National Preparedness Goal.
- Implement a training component specific to state, local and law enforcement entities to familiarize these forces with the domain awareness and incident/suspicious activity reporting training afforded to Highway Watch® students and with the identification devices used to distinguish Highway Watch®-trained personnel from those who have not been trained.
- Develop a plan for scaling the program based on the size of future appropriations.

3. Communications:

- Highway Watch® Call Center – Maintain a full-service (24/7) communications/call center staffed with well-trained responders who will provide nationwide first responder and law enforcement contact numbers and electronic linkage to registered participants. The center must be capable of re-directing calls to law enforcement and first responders for immediate action or to the Highway ISAC for investigation as terrorist threats. The call center may also be utilized during an incident of national significance.

4. *Information Analysis and Distribution:*

- Help maintain the Highway ISAC, located at TSA's Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC) in Herndon, VA, and dedicated exclusively to highway and highway-transport related security needs and issues. The applicant will provide recommendations, implementation strategies, and a completed plan for continued Highway ISAC operations to include other transportation stakeholders. Responsibilities may include identifying the appropriate role of a highway-specific ISAC or implementation strategies that address incidents of critical national significance.

What are the key changes to the TSP program since last year?

Key changes to the TSP include:

- *Period of Performance* – Performance period is now 36 months.
- *Investment Justification* – American Trucking Associations is required to submit an investment justification for each proposed project.

General changes to the overall Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP) include:

- *Interaction with Grantees During Application Period* – In FY 2007, the Department is placing a strong emphasis on cooperative dialogue with stakeholders during the application period to ensure that applicants clearly understand program priorities and requirements, and that the projects submitted offer the best potential for risk mitigation.

Are there additional resources available to assist in preparing an application?

DHS has included appendices within the Program Guidance that provide additional detailed guidance on key program requirements and the recommended format and content for application submission requirements for the FY 2007 TSP.

G&T maintains a Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) Help Line. CSID is a comprehensive coordination, management, information, and scheduling tool developed by DHS through G&T for homeland security terrorism preparedness activities. Questions pertaining to the FY 2007 IPP application process should be directed to CSID. The CSID can be contacted at 1-800-368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 am–6:00 pm (EST), Monday-Friday.