The Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the availability of the FY 2008 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit. This kit is now available online at http://www.fema.gov/grants.

Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the State, local, and tribal levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters caused by any hazard. Funds are provided as authorized by Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 5196c), as amended by Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53). $14,572,500 is available for grants for construction or renovation of a State, local, or tribal government’s principal EOC. This grant program is not intended to fund the construction or renovation of State, local, or tribal Fusion Centers.

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only eligible entity able to apply for the available funding on behalf of qualified State, local, and tribal EOCs. Please note that the applications for FY 2008 EOC grant funds will be submitted online, through the Grants Management System (GMS) at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov. The completed FY 2008 EOC Grant Program applications must be submitted via GMS no later than July 28, 2008. FEMA will evaluate applications and act on these applications within 30 days of the submission deadline.

Additional questions may be directed to your Program Analyst or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498.