

IBSGP Conference Call Summary  
May 31, 2011  
1:00PM EST

**Opening Comments:**

Good afternoon, this is the weekly Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) conference call.

We would like to first begin by covering a few key dates for the submittal of your applications. The deadline for submitting your SF-424 is June 13, 2011 and must be processed thru grants.gov. All other standard and required application forms such as your IJs, budgets etc. must be submitted no later than 11:59pm EDT, June 20, 2011 via ND grants. This year is a little bit different as you will need to use both systems in order to submit your application. If you are not registered with one or either of these systems please try and do that now so you will not encounter any delays in your submittal process.

A copy of the Investment Justification (IJ) template in word format with the required Sensitive Security Information (SSI) markings was sent out earlier today via TSA Grants. This year IJs must be treated as SSI ([http://www.tsa.gov/what we do/ssi/guidance training.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/ssi/guidance_training.shtm)). The IJ along with other templates have been posted to the TSA Grants website ([www.tsa.gov/grants](http://www.tsa.gov/grants)).

Since we are on a compressed timeline we would like to use these weekly conference calls to answer any questions you may have throughout the application process. If you have any questions outside the scheduled conference calls you can email us at [tsagrants@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:tsagrants@tsa.dhs.gov). Any questions and answers given in these calls or by email will be posted to TSA Grants ([www.tsa.gov/grants](http://www.tsa.gov/grants)). The website will be updated no less than once a week.

**Questions and Answers:**

**Q: Do IJs for training need to be password protected?**

**A:** Yes, all IJs are considered SSI, and therefore must be password protected. Please visit [www.tsa.gov/ssi](http://www.tsa.gov/ssi) for more information on SSI.

**Q: One of the criteria requested in the IJ for Facility Security Enhancements is whether the facility is owned or leased. Would it impact a project negatively if the facility was leased and not owned?**

**A:** The fact that a facility is leased would not in and of itself negatively impact project scoring. However, the concern with hardening a facility that is leased is that the work would be done, but then the bus company would not renew the lease or move to a different location/facility. In order to rank the project we look at how long it has been leased and if there is the intention to renew the lease. The idea would be to enhance security to a facility that will be used long term. We would need to know that the funds would be used for that operator in that facility for a length of time. We wouldn't want to do enhancement in one facility and shortly thereafter the same type of project in a new facility.

**Q: Is it correct to say that once we submit the SF-424 via grants.gov we will not need to resubmit it thru ND grants?**

**A:** Correct. Grants.gov will automatically transfer the SF-424 to ND Grants. The transfer of your application between grants.gov and ND grants should be seamless to you. FEMA has allotted time to verify that those operators submitting SF-424 thru grants.gov are given the necessary information to complete their applications thru ND grants.

**Q: Is the organization code and the DUNS code the same number?**

**A:** It would be best to verify that information with FEMA at [ASKCSID@dhs.gov](mailto:ASKCSID@dhs.gov).

**Q: We have recently been asked by Boston Logan Airport to provide detailed driver information for badging purposes. The guidance indicates exchanging information for security purposes to be an allowable project. Would this type of project be covered through this grant?**

**A:** The guidance as it relates to exchanging information for security purposed would be for projects types that would include passenger screening, running name through a database. Technically the project you describe may be allowable and unless it is submitted we can't consider it. The security aspect of the project should be fully described in your IJ.

**Q: Are there any plans for the updated security and emergency preparedness plan (SEPP) template to be made available to operators in order for us to use the most current version?**

**A:** We will check with our Highway Motor Carrier division as well as with the Department of Transportation and have that updated to our website.

**Q: Could you annotate your website to indicated recently updated documents such as the IJ?**

**A:** Yes, we will certainly look into that.

**Q: Is there any indication how long it takes for a profile to be approved in FEMA's portal?**

**A:** We don't have the exact timeline however we have heard that it takes only a day or two. They are currently reviewing new profile requests three times daily.

**Closing Comments:**

Thank you for calling in and we will continue to hold weekly conference calls until June 14, 2011. The call in number is 888-323-4702 and pin is 6827433. Any changes to the conference call schedule will be sent out through [ASKCSID@dhs.gov](mailto:ASKCSID@dhs.gov) and [TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov).

If you do have any questions, you may submit them via an email to ASKCSID ([ASKCSID@dhs.gov](mailto:ASKCSID@dhs.gov)) and carbon copy TSA Grants ([TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov)).

Thank you.

This concludes the call.