

IBSGP Conference Call Summary
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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 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.

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.