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## Important Resources

2008 Flood Resource Center  
[www.flood2008.iowa.gov](http://www.flood2008.iowa.gov)

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at [www.rio.iowa.gov/news/releases/2009/weekly\\_update/030609\\_weekly\\_update.html](http://www.rio.iowa.gov/news/releases/2009/weekly_update/030609_weekly_update.html).

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 6th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Oct. 5-7, 2009**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

## 2006 HSGP Performance Period Extended

Following a request to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to extend the performance period of the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), HSEMD has extended the performance period for grantees to May 30, 2009. Upon final approval from DHS, HSEMD will extend the performance period again to Sept. 30, 2009. Grantees who had not previously submitted an extension request were asked to submit their request by March 6.

For additional information on the 2006 HSGP performance period extension, contact **Lynda Wessel** at **515-725-3231**. Ω



## Important Update on Community Disaster Grant Fund Allocations

In a mailing dated Feb. 9 from HSEMD, eligible grant recipients were notified of their city or county's eligibility for participation in the state-funded Community Disaster Grant (CDG) Program. That same letter contained a preliminary funding allocation for their city or county. The legislature has asked that HSEMD revisit how that allocation was calculated.

Due to the speed that the legislature asked HSEMD to assemble and process the associated data, HSEMD had to use address data that was attached to ZIP code. As you may be aware, this created inaccuracies within the data. The clearest example is damaged homes that reside in unincorporated areas of the county were being attributed to cities based on the mailing address and ZIP

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code. This created instances where cities that received minimal disaster related damage were being allocated funds for damages that were beyond the city's incorporated boundaries.

At the request of the legislature, HSEMD has geo-coded all of the associated data. This process accurately indicates where structures that participated in either FEMA's Individual Assistance Program or Small Business Administration Disaster Relief Programs are located. If the

structure is within a city's corporate limits it will be correctly attributed to the city; if the structure is in an unincorporated area of the county it will be attributed to the county. This geo-coding process will result in the most accurate allocation of the grant funds.

HSEMD has posted the updated allocations on [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org). The Web site will be the only method of notification for the updated allocations.

With the updated allocations, eligible grant recipients will be able to select which projects their city or county would like to undertake with these grant funds. The application due date has not changed and remains April 1, 2009.

If you have any questions please free to contact the CDG staff at [cdg@iowa.gov](mailto:cdg@iowa.gov) or **515.725.3231**.



## Computers Available for HSEMD Public Partners

HSEMD is getting ready to surplus several computers, but first would like to offer them to any public partner that might be able to use them. These are several years old, but still able to perform basic functions.

If interested, please contact **Sue Moeller-Lomica** at **515.725.3231** by March 16. After that date the units will go to state surplus property. If necessary, a lottery will be used to determine the new owners of the PCs. Ω

Brand/Model	CPU	Memory	HDD*	OS	SP Level*	Vintage
1. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	10 GB	Win 2000	SP 4	Oct. 2001
2. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	20 GB	Win 2000	SP 4	Oct. 2001
3. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	20 GB	Win XP	SP 3	Jan. 2002
4. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	20 GB	Win XP	SP 3	Dec. 2001
5. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	20 GB	Win XP	SP 3	May 2002
6. Compaq/DeskPro EVO	1.7 GHz	750 MHz	40 GB	Win XP	SP 3	March 2002

\*HDD stands for Disk Drive storage and SP is the Service Pack level to download security fixes.

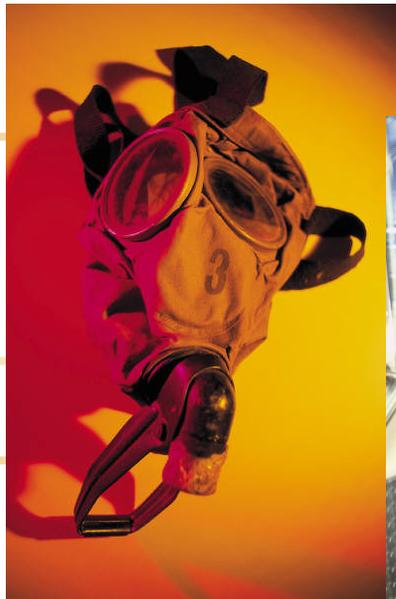
## Emergency Responders: Need New Equipment? You May be in Luck with the Restart of the HDER Program

The Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program is managed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Its purpose is to deploy emergency response equipment that is no longer needed by the federal government to local emergency response organizations, at **no cost** to the recipient.

The goal of HDER is to enhance the domestic preparedness capabilities of emergency responder agencies nationwide by providing surplus radiological and emergency responder equipment, instrumentation and other supplies, as well as technical support. Responder agencies across the nation have access to a substantial inventory of personal protective equipment, detection equipment, search and rescue equipment, and other items that are no longer needed by the federal government. The equipment is rehabilitated and provided at no cost to the recipient. In partnership with the DHS, DOE has redeployed over 47,000 items since the program's inception.

The HDER program has been inactive for approximately 18 months and is scheduled to restart sometime this month.

A new Web site is being developed that will be used to administer the program. Until the Web site is operational, an email



notification system is planned to begin accepting and distributing HDER equipment to local emergency response organizations. It is anticipated that the Web site will be operational later this year.

To obtain unrestricted access to the Web site as an authorized user, applicants will electronically complete and submit a registration form that will be provided on the Web site. Only state and federal agencies and first responder organizations will be considered for registration. At the outset first responders must be approved by their state HDER coordinator before access will be granted. In addition to approving unrestricted access to the HDER Web site, the state HDER coordinator will receive periodic equip-

ment summary reports for first responders in their jurisdiction.

Visitors to the Web site will be able to view general information about items available for transfer. Authorized users will be able to view the available inventory and request desired items and/or technical support with the operation of the items being provided. Inventory records will be maintained real-time and thus will be readily available for viewing.

More information about the HDER program and becoming a registered user will be posted on the HSEMD Web site soon. Ω

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### HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

**We're on the Web!**

[www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org)

# Deadline Extended for Grant Program

HSEMD is extending the deadline for receipt of Notices of Interest and project applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Applicants now have until Sept. 15, 2009, to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-DR 1763. Even though this is a six-month extension, the State is strongly encouraging early submission of NOIs. HSEMD mitigation staff will review NOIs for basic eligibility and send invitations for full HMGP project application within a few weeks. The invitation letter will identify a project officer, who will contact the applicant to discuss the project and officer technical assistance throughout the application process.

The project application deadline has been extended until Nov. 1, 2009. Project applications will be accepted, reviewed, and submitted to FEMA for funding approval on a continuous basis. So, earlier submission potentially means earlier funding, absent any special circumstances or issues.

The total estimated amount of HMGP funds available is \$251 million.

Eligible project types include:

- Construction of tornado safe rooms
- Acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area
- Structural or non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards
- Minor structural hazard control or protection projects such as storm water management



*Tornado shelter completed at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in 2003. The 5,200 square-foot structure is able to hold 400 campers. It was funded through a \$600,000 grant from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The remaining \$150,000 in funding came from the Iowa State Fair.*

- Localized flood control projects, such as floodwall systems, that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and do not constitute a section of a large flood control system

Eligible applicants include:

- State agencies and local governments
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, including state-recognized Indian tribes, and authorized tribal organizations
- Private non-profit (PNP) organizations or institutions that operate a PNP facility as defined in the 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 206.221(e)

For more information, visit the HSEMD Web site at

[www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/Home/2008Disaster/HazardMitigation2008/tabid/191/Default.aspx](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/Home/2008Disaster/HazardMitigation2008/tabid/191/Default.aspx). Ω