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TO: Local and District Emergency Management Coordinators, Solution Area Planners,
and SHSGP Grant Contacts
SUBJECT: Eligibility Issues Regarding the 2004 Authorized Equipment List (AEL)

There has been some confusion regarding the equipment identified in Category 2 - Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation, of the 2004 Authorized Equipment List (AEL) concerning body armor and helmet purchases. The following paragraph is the excerpt from the 2004 AEL (page 59 of the guidance package):

2. – Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation - Equipment providing for the *mitigation and remediation of explosive devices in a CBRNE environment*.

- *Ballistic Threat Body Armor (not for riot suppression).*
- *Ballistic Threat Helmet (not for riot suppression).*

Some sub-grantees have interpreted this as allowing for the purchase of body armor and helmets for patrol officers that are not part of a dedicated bomb squad. The Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division (MSP/EMD) has conferred with the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) program manager for the state. ODP has reaffirmed the guidance in that equipment in this category is to be **purchased for and used by accredited bombs squad personnel only.**

Another area needing clarification involves those costs related to installation of equipment. When you consider installation costs listed under "Category 18 - Other Authorized Equipment and Related Costs," **no salaries or wages for force labor expenses are eligible for reimbursement.** For any installation completed by a vendor, installation expenses will be eligible for reimbursement.

For any purchases using the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program funds, we recommend that sub-grantees submit an eligibility confirmation form (see attached) for evaluation prior to the purchase. The forms should be submitted to the attention of Michael Curtis, MSP-EMD, Homeland Security Section, 4000 Collins Road, P.O. Box 30636, Lansing, MI 48909-8136. Questions can be directed to Mr. Curtis at (517) 333-5039 or CurtisMJ@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (1)

- 2004 HSGP Eligibility Confirmation Form