

NIMS Alert

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FY07 NIMS Compliance Metrics Fact Sheet

Background:

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 "Management of Domestic Incidents" required that states, territories, local jurisdictions and tribal entities adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Over the past two years, all of these entities have made significant progress in implementing the NIMS system. The implementation of the NIMS across the nation creates a baseline capability that, once established, will be the foundation for our prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies. During FY05 and FY06, states were asked to "self-certify" their NIMS compliance.

Fiscal Year 2007:

By September 30, 2007, jurisdictions will be required to comply with the FY07 NIMS requirements to receive FY08 emergency preparedness grants. In FY07, all jurisdictions must comply with specific performance-based metrics. These metrics were derived, in part, from the FY06 required compliance activities and also include some new performance measures.

Metrics will be used to:

- * Gather information on the current state of NIMS compliance;
- * Identify best practices and areas that may require further technical assistance;
- * Provide continued guidance and feedback; and
- * Assist with the refinement of metrics and/or data-gathering tools.

The nation's Governors received a FY07 NIMS Compliance package that included:

- * State/Territorial Matrix
- o Associated State/Territorial Metrics
- * Local/Tribal Matrix
- o Associated Local/Tribal Metrics
- * Terms of Reference

NIMCAST Upgrade:

The NIMCAST tool will be redesigned and available in early 2007 that is geared to better meet stakeholder needs. All jurisdictions are encouraged to use the upgraded NIMCAST to assess their compliance. However, other commercially-developed software compliance tools may be used for this purpose, provided that the software replicates data NIMCAST will collect and is compatible with the redesigned tool.

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Tiers:

The metrics are divided into three categories, or "tiers." Only Tier 1 metrics (in bold type) are deemed critical and must be answered in the affirmative by jurisdictions to be NIMS compliant for FY07. Tier 2 and Tier 3 metrics will give jurisdictions an opportunity to better identify areas of the NIMS that may require technical assistance.

Terms of Reference:

The Terms of Reference document defines words or phrases that may require further explanation.

Questions and comments can be directed to the NIMS Integration Center at: NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov or 202-646-3850.

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_compliance.shtm