



STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM 2010 PATIENT MOVING EQUIPMENT AND PPE FOR NON-UASI JURISDICTIONS IN NEW JERSEY

Request for Application

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Grant is to support the continued development of the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Task Force (NJEMSTF) in non-UASI jurisdictions in New Jersey by placing Patient Moving Equipment (PME) and Personal Protection Equipment/Clothing in these areas. The funding for this equipment was provided by a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).

II. Background

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness, is the State Coordinating Agency for the NJEMSTF. The NJEMSTF is funded by a variety of Federal/State grants, including Federal Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), SHSGP, Office of Homeland Security and Protection, and State funding sources.

The NJEMSTF provides a scalable, flexible method of employing personnel, plans, and equipment to respond within an "All Hazards" approach to pre-planned and emergency events.

The NJEMSTF utilizes Patient Moving Equipment, the MedStat gator with stretcher and associated trailer, and Personal Protection Equipment/Clothing (PPE) to enhance multi-casualty/mass care capabilities to all public health regions of the State. The Task Force and its associated equipment address Priority Area 3, Critical Benchmark 3, as well as, the Triage and Pre-hospital Treatment, Medical Surge and Mass Care target capabilities specified in the Department of Homeland Security Target Capabilities List. These mobile mass care platforms are designed to reduce morbidity and mortality through appropriate triage, incident management, and coordinated pre-hospital treatment due to a natural or Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) event.

This grant will provide for Patient Moving Equipment, a MedStat (Gator) with stretcher, and an associated trailer consistent with Patient Moving Equipment purchased with UASI and Port Security Grants. Additionally, this grant may be used to purchase PPE, as appropriate.

III. Eligible Applicants

The PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer will be awarded to a “Host Agency” in a **non-UASI jurisdiction**. Jurisdictions located in Bergen, Essex, Union, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, and Morris counties are **EXCLUDED** from applying.

The primary function of this PME, PPE, MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer is to support the EMSTF planning, training, exercise, response and recovery programs. This PME, PPE, MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer will be available to the Host Agency for regular mutual aid to support the municipalities within the Host Agency County, other New Jersey counties, as well as fill the need for large-scale state, interstate or intrastate responses.

The Host Agency shall be a Licensed New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Provider with Certificate of Need responsibilities **or** a New Jersey Licensed EMS Provider. The EMS Agency must be a currently **active** participant in the NJEMSTF, directly or through agreement, have an adequate vehicle to tow the fully loaded trailer and sufficient EMS staffing resources to rapidly staff and respond with the trailer. This capability must be demonstrated in the application.

The Host Agency will also be responsible for assuring, directly or through agreement with the EMS Agency, the deployment, on-going registration, insurance, fuel, maintenance and repair of the PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer.

The Host Agency may enter into a mutual agreement with any municipal or county governmental agency to make application.

In the event the Host Agency enters into an agreement with a municipal or county governmental agency, the governmental agency shall be responsible for the ongoing registration, insurance, fuel, maintenance and repair of the PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer.

The DHSS will give preference to EMS Agencies (this list is not in order of priority):

- Located in the geographical area as outlined above;
- Active as an EMS Agency Member of the NJEMSTF;
- Licensed New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Provider;
- Licensed Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support Provider;
- Existing EMS Specialized Operations Group;

- Demonstrates experience with emergency preparedness, planning and response;
- Demonstrates ability to quickly staff and deploy the asset;
- Demonstrates directly, or through agreement, to have adequate secure, weather controlled space to house the PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer;
- Demonstrates the intent to collaborate with one another in the acquisition and long term support of the PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer;
- Agrees to participate and support regional planning, training and exercising involving the PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer;
- Agrees to respond to intrastate mutual aid requests;
- Agrees to respond to interstate mutual aid requests via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC);
- Agrees to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Governmental Agencies, Hospitals and EMS Agencies as appropriate.

IV. Availability of Funds

The funds available for this grant shall be awarded to UMDNJ to procure the equipment. Once the equipment has been procured, it will be delivered to the host agency upon completion of a signed MOU with UMDNJ. This will ensure compatibility and interoperability with previously purchased equipment for the New Jersey EMS Task Force. The amount of the award shall not exceed \$105,800.

V. Operational Concept

The primary objective of PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer is to continue the standardized and interoperable characteristics of the previously placed PME, PPE, and MedStats with stretcher and trailers. As each of these units is manned and supported by NJEMSTF volunteers from throughout the State, it is imperative that it be configured, maintained, and operated in the same manner.

VI. Use of Equipment

The PME, PPE, and MedStat gator with stretcher and trailer shall be used to:

- Respond to local, county, intrastate and interstate incidents;
- Provide support to local, county, intrastate and interstate pre-planned mass gatherings and large scale events;
- Provide support to local, county, intrastate and interstate pre-planned Emergency Management and EMS exercises;
- Promote the NJEMSTF at in state EMS and Emergency Management Conferences;
- Provide support activities during the normal course of business;
- Support Host Agency activities in the normal course of business when not required by the EMSTF;

Applications are to include:

- A cover letter signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Licensed EMS Agency and the President/CEO of the Mobile Intensive Care Hospital.
- If a Municipal/County Government is applying on behalf of a MICU/EMS agency, then a letter from the Administrator of the County or Municipal Governmental Agency must accompany the letter from the Host Agency.
- Narrative demonstrating:
 - o an understanding of the NJEMSTF concept
 - o how the requirements of the award will be met
 - o how the EMS Agency will support the MedStat (Gator) with stretcher, associated trailer and equipment.
- A proposed work plan with a timetable for receipt and demonstration/training of personnel on the use of MedStat (Gator) with stretcher, associated trailer and equipment.
- Grantee shall also provide training for other EMS agencies in the region with regard to the operations of the MedStat (Gator) with stretcher, associated trailer and equipment.
- Point of contact information for all phases of project development and implementation.

- Proof of licensing requirements.

Applications may include letters of recommendation from other allied emergency services agencies to include, other EMS agencies, Healthcare Facilities, Fire Agencies, other Emergency Services Associations, or Municipal/County Offices of Emergency Management.

Awardees must file an application with the DHSS as soon as feasible after receipt of this announcement, but must be postmarked or received on or before July 1, 2011.

Applications that do not meet the criteria above will not be considered and will be returned. A Governmental agency application may ask for an extension, if they can demonstrate the need to have their governing body approve the application.

The Award Budget Period – All FFY10 SHSP monies must be expended/liquidated by 7/31/13.

VIII. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated on their individual merit.

Awards will be based on the following criteria and scoring:

- Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) to include density of population and regional risk factors. Should also include equipment already assigned to the area. (5 points)
- Active EMS Agency Member of the NJEMSTF (15 Points);
- Licensed New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Provider

OR

- Licensed Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support Provider;
- Demonstrates EMS Specialized Operations Experience (10 Points);
- Demonstrated history of participation in and support of regional planning, training and exercising (15 Points);
- Demonstrates ability to quickly staff and deploy the asset (15 Points);

- Demonstrates directly or through agreement, have adequate secure, weather controlled space to house the MedStat (Gator) with stretcher, associated trailer and equipment (15 Points);
- Demonstrates support through letters of recommendation from other allied emergency services agencies to include, other EMS agencies, healthcare facilities, fire agencies, other emergency services associations, or municipal/county Office of Emergency Management (15 Points);

X. Additional Assistance

To obtain general and technical assistance on this award announcement, please contact:

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All applications will be forwarded to

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Applications shall be sent Federal Express Mail and postmarked no later than July 8, 2011. No applications will be reviewed after this date. Governmental agencies may request in writing an extension to Terry Clancy, EMSTF Coordinator at the above address, if the governing body needs time to vote on the matter.