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**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
FEMA-1827-DR-NY, "New York Severe Winter Storm"**

April 6, 2009

Dear Hazard Mitigation Partner:

The New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) is pleased to announce that it will be accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) related to the major disaster declaration FEMA-1827-DR-NY, "New York Severe Winter Storm." This opportunity will be made available statewide.

New York State (SEMO) is the applicant for this FEMA program. Eligible sub-applicants include local and state governments, Native American tribes or tribal organizations, and eligible private non-profit (PNP) organizations.

HMGP funds can reimburse up to 75% of the costs associated with developing or updating **all-hazards mitigation plans**, or implementing **hazard mitigation projects**. There is a minimum 25% local cost-share. Sub-applicants requesting funds for mitigation projects must have either: a) prepared and adopted a FEMA-approved all-hazards mitigation plan; or b) participated in a multi-jurisdictional mitigation planning effort and adopted the resulting FEMA-approved plan. FEMA also requires that eligible projects meet their cost-effectiveness and environmental criteria.

Eligible sub-applicants are encouraged to review the mitigation strategies and projects outlined in their mitigation plans as they develop projects for funding under the HMGP. Information about eligible project types is available in the HMGP Applicants' Handbook included with SEMO mailings and online at [www.semo.state.ny.us/programs/mitigation](http://www.semo.state.ny.us/programs/mitigation).

Interested sub-applicants can begin the HMGP application process by submitting an LOI that provides basic applicant and project information and allows for a determination of eligibility. SEMO will assist eligible sub-applicants with potentially eligible projects as they prepare a more detailed application. **Planning applications** should fully describe the jurisdiction(s) to be covered, any unusual risks, and any risk assessments or other activities performed to date. **Project applications** should fully describe the situation to be mitigated, a minimum of three alternatives considered, the proposed solution, the past damages and the projected savings if the project is implemented.

In the event HMGP monies remain after all eligible projects are funded, SEMO may also consider funding projects submitted for previous grant cycles. Subject to FEMA approval, SEMO may also make available funds to implement mitigation measures identified in the "New York State Standard Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan."

**Deadline: Potential sub-applicants must complete and fax their LOIs to SEMO at (518) 322- 4983 by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 1, 2009.**

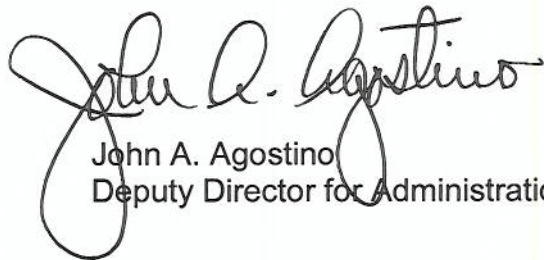
**There will be no extensions to this deadline.**

For more information please also visit: [www.semo.state.ny.us/programs/mitigation](http://www.semo.state.ny.us/programs/mitigation).

Attached please find a copy of SEMO's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Handbook and the LOI for the DR-1827 grant cycle. To ensure the widest possible dissemination of program information, SEMO has placed information about this program on our web site and requests that county officials advise cities, villages, towns and other eligible applicants in their jurisdictions of the availability of HMGP funds and the application deadline.

Should you have questions or need further information on either planning or project grants, please contact Richard Lord, Chief of Mitigation Programs, at (518) 292-2370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Agostino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John A. Agostino  
Deputy Director for Administration

Attachments