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Area F Homeland Security Oversight Committee to Hear Grant Requests

The Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee will be hearing and accepting applications for 2007 Area F Homeland Security Grants. Funding categories for the 2007 grant cycle include agriculture risk mitigation program, medical surge, strengthening interoperable communications capabilities, mass sheltering and volunteer/donations, and 911 Public Service Answering Points and 911 Interoperable Communications. The 2007 grant award to Region F totals \$652,285 with \$632,716.45 to be used for grant awards, and \$19,568 for management and administration.

The Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission in partnership with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) assists the Area F Oversight Committee with the grant selection process. Nearly two years ago, in an effort to maximize the return on investments of future homeland security grants in Missouri, Governor Blunt authorized the

State Homeland Security Advisory Council and the State Emergency Management Agency to organize Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees to provide input on how homeland security grant dollars are to be spent. Based on Highway Patrol Troop Area geographic boundaries, nine regional oversight committees were created across the state. Counties with Area F include Audrain, Boone, Camden, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, and Osage counties

There are 15 disciplines represented on the Region F RHSOC. These disciplines are comprised of one representative of the following interests- Emergency Management, Police, Sheriff, Fire, Health, Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT), Public Works, Municipal Governments, County Governments, Private Industry/Utility, Emergency Medical Service, 911, Volunteer sector, Agriculture, and Education. The discipline representatives evaluate

and rank grant proposals submitted based on the request meeting a required investment justification, that the proposal is regional in nature, that the request reduces duplication of equipment and resources, that the proposal addresses long-term maintenance if applicable, and the request demonstrates a regional investment value.

Gary "Woody" Woodson, representing fire agencies, has been elected to serve as the chairman of the RHSOC, after serving as vice chairman last year. Dave Severson, representing police agencies, will serve as the vice chairman for the committee. Past-chairman Mike Rackers will continue to represent the Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT). Alternates that rotated into representative positions include Rich Daniels, county governments; Kris Bayless, emergency management; David Colbert, EMS; Jane Hubbs, health; ML Cauthon, public works; and Jim Jones, Education.

Upcoming Economic Development Advisory Committee Meetings

The December EDAC meeting has been rescheduled to meet on January 15, 2008, at 10:00 at the Columbia Regional Airport. Bruce Hackmann, Director of the Fulton Area Development Corporation will present information regarding the "Fulton Area Development" project. In addition to Bruce's presentation

MMRPC staff will update the council regarding the "Retail Development and Site Location Round Table" event currently in development.

Please note that the February 12th meeting has also been rescheduled to meet the following day,

Wednesday February 13, 2008; for the remainder of 2008 all of the EDAC meetings will be held at the Columbia Regional Airport, please mark your calendar. For more information please contact Colleen Vollman at (573) 657-9779 or colleenvollman@mmpc.org.

Safe and Sound Bridge Program Advances

MoDOT announced on December 20 that they voted to continue negotiations with Missouri Bridge Partners (MBP) to come to final contract terms to select the company to deliver the Safe and Sound Bridge Program under a design-build-finance-maintain model. Issues that remain to be resolved in the areas of finance, risk, and responsibilities. If the negotiations are successful, work could begin

around the state this spring. The Safe and Sound program pledges to replace or rehabilitate 802 bridges, with at least one in every county, over the next five years. Within the counties of the Mid-Missouri region there are 13 bridges in Boone, 12 in Callaway, 3 in Cole, 8 in Cooper, 2 in Moniteau, and 2 in Howard that are included in this program. MoDOT would then pay for the program

using a portion of its federal bridge replacement funds over 2 years, a period during which MBP is responsible for maintaining the bridges in good condition.

Major participants on the MBP team include: Zachry American Infrastructure, Parsons Transportation Group, Fred Weber, Inc., Clarkson Construction, HNTB & Infrastructure Corp. of America.
Source: MODOT News Release

Calendar

January 15 - Economic Development Advisory Committee. 10:00 am.
Meeting will be held at the Columbia Regional Airport. For additional information contact Colleen Vollman at the MMRPC office at 573.657.9779 or colleenvollman@mmrpc.org.

January 15 - Area F Homeland Security Oversight Committee.
1:30pm. Meeting to be held at Cole County Fire Station #4. 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City. Contact the MMRPC at 573.657.9779 for additional information.

January 23 - Transportation Advisory Committee. 4:30 pm. Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland. Followed by Dinner at 6:00 pm and the MMRPC meeting at 6:30pm.

January 23 - MMRPC Meeting. 6:30 pm
Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland.

January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
MMRPC Office closed.

Announcements

SEMA Sets Officials Disaster Public Assistance Briefings For Counties Declared For December Winter Storms

The State Emergency Management Agency will conduct 14 Public Assistance briefings for Elected Officials in 42 Counties, the cities, special districts, and certain non-profit organizations within those counties included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance as a result of the December Winter Storms beginning December 6, 2007. The Public Assistance Declaration reimburses local governments for their emergency work, debris removal, repair and replacement of damaged critical infrastructure.

Boone, Cole, Callaway, and Moniteau counties are included in the declaration.

Because of the recent FEMA Public Assistance Program changes, City, County, Specials Districts and certain non-profit officials are strongly encouraged to attend one of the briefings. Area briefings include:

January 8: 8:30 am Jefferson City at the State Emergency Operations Center, 2302 Militia Drive

January 11: 8:30 am Columbia Activity & Recreation Center (ARC), 1701 West Ash

The briefing will explain reimbursement procedures to officials of the governmental agencies, which incurred eligible expenses for emergency protective measures, debris removal, and to repair damaged infrastructure. During the

approximately 3-hour briefing, officials will be asked to complete and submit a Request for Public Assistance Application.

It will also explain the NEW Public Assistance Pilot Program in which Private Non-Profit organizations may also be eligible for assistance if they meet the federal definition of educational, utility, emergency, medical, custodial care facility or critical facilities or provide an essential public service such as library, community center, homeless shelter, senior citizen center. In order to be reimbursed for their emergency work, they must attend a briefing. For additional information, check the SEMA website-

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov>.

Conferences and Events

January 24 - Missouri Conference on Transportation, Jefferson City

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MoDOT are presented a day long discussion of the future transportation in Missouri. The 2008

Conference will bring together a variety of viewpoints to consider as Missouri policymakers work to best meet our state's transportation challenges. The meeting will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. For questions about the event, contact Sandy Stover,

Missouri Chamber Director of Seminars, at sstover@mochamber.com or by phone 573-634-3511.

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