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To: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Incident Support Teams
Task Force Leaders / Program Managers

From: Mike Tamillow
US&R Section Chief

Date: 19 July 2004

Re: US&R Program Directive - 2004-016 — Command Vehicle Acquisition

ISSUE STATEMENT

- Funding will be provided to all task forces in the National US&R System to allow for immediate transport of the task force by ground. Acquisition of vehicles to move the US&R equipment cache was addressed in FY03. In FY04, the emphasis is on the acquisition of command vehicles. Each task force will be allowed to purchase from a general list of available vehicles types for a total purchase of up to \$138,035. It is the expectation of the Program Office that task forces will continue to use rental commercial buses for the transport of task force personnel by ground. The capability for US&R task forces to be deployable by ground transportation is one of the three top priority issues for the Urban Search & Rescue Response System as established by senior FEMA leadership.

RATIONALE/JUSTIFICATION

- Standardization
 - It is the intent of the US&R Division (Program Office) to ensure standardization program-wide of the US&R equipment cache to promote more efficient operation, maintenance and support on mission response. Standardization will allow the Incident Support Team to better support requests for ordering, re-supply and maintenance (parts and repairs) for all engaged task forces.
 - This includes the acquisition of vehicles to support task force movement.
- Effective Life Span
 - It is the intent of the Program Office to ensure an effective life span of the US&R ground transport fleet program-wide. Having all National task forces select and procure standardized vehicles will allow the Program Office to more effectively manage this aspect of program management and task force mobilization.
 - The Program Office anticipates at least a 10-year life span for vehicles procured from this acquisition. The standardization of the fleet program-wide, coupled with a measurable life span, will allow us to project future replacement cycles and budget forecasting to ensure continuity of this capability.
- Program Equity
 - The vehicle purchase allowance ensures that the Program Office is dealing with all 28 task forces in a fair and equitable manner. An established funding allowance for each task force ensures fairness and results in standardized fleet capability program-wide.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Sponsoring agencies are directed to submit a command vehicle acquisition plan to the US&R Program Office no later than Thursday, 30 September 2004 (as addressed last year for cache movement vehicles). The process used last year will be implemented by the Program Office staff to review and approve the acquisition plan prior to its implementation.

APPROVAL

Issue is approved for program implementation:

Signed:



Mike Tamillow / US&R Section Chief

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Implementation Date: _____ 30 September 2004 _____

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Vehicle choices
 - The following general list of vehicles will be available for task forces selection up to a maximum ceiling of \$138,035 per task force. The intent is to acquire three (3) command vehicles and, if funding allows, up to two (2) Gator-type ATV vehicles.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
- SUV (Suburban-type) 4WD w/options	\$40,000.00 ea.
- Pickup 4WD (crew cab)	\$30,000.00 ea.
- ATV (Gator-type) vehicle - diesel 4x6 WD	\$11,000.00 ea.
- ATV (Gator-type) vehicle - gas 4x2 WD	\$7,000.00 ea.

- For example, a task force could purchase two SUVs, one Pickup 4WD, and one of each ATVs within this budget amount. This would amount to \$128,000. The remainder should be used for the communications requirements below.
- Alternately, two Pickups, one SUV and one each of the ATVs would cost \$118,000.
- Three SUVs and one each of the ATVs would cost \$138,000.
- All SUV and pickups are to be purchased white in color. No insignias, lettering or color schemes should be applied at this time pending a review by the FEMA Response Division for a division standard. Lettering and /or paint jobs can be addressed after-market once decided.

Example of extended cab 4WD Pickup with pullout equipment tray (courtesy FL-TF1).



Example of All terrain (Gator-type) vehicle



SUPPORTING INFORMATION (continued)

- Incorporation of Special Capabilities
 - The identification of a standardized fleet purchase allows the Program Office to incorporate and take advantage of additional specialized features in the vehicle purchase initiative for program-wide improvement. The specification of a standardized communications package should be incorporated into the purchase.
 - The following capabilities are identified:
 - Qualcomm satellite communications system that provides vehicle tracking, data communication (text messaging, e-mail), and two-way voice communications.
 - Wiring harness and power capacity for GlobalStar cellular/satellite phone communications. It is anticipated that this equipment will be installed after market.
 - Wiring harness and power capacity for two-way radio. It is anticipated that this equipment will be installed after market.
 - Wiring harness and power capacity for emergency and response lighting package to be installed after market.
 - As an average, task force should budget approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per vehicle from the \$138,035 subprogram fund for this requirement.
 - The Program Office is currently working with the Response Division staff to assess these capabilities and determine a standard for the new Division. We will advise of the standards as they are identified. These capabilities can be added after-market.
 - Sponsoring organizations should factor in these capabilities as they identify alternator/electrical requirements, wiring harnesses, mounting locations, etc.

- Associated Costs
 - Costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the ground transportation fleet are inherent in this acquisition. This could include:
 - Maintenance and repair
 - Driver training and licensing
 - Fuel
 - Insurance
 - Additional storage costs
 - Task forces should use Cooperative Agreement funds to address these support requirements. These funds can be taken directly from the \$138,035 Vehicle Acquisition subprogram fund, or alternately the Storage/Maintenance subprogram fund should there be cost overruns to cover the communications hardware requirements. Please submit a letter of request to the FEMA Grants Section if required.