

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR BIOTERRORISM, HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Background Information

- Subsequent to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the U.S. Congress has appropriated funds for bioterrorism, homeland security and emergency preparedness.
- On May 6, 2002, information was requested from 28 state agencies and all institutions of higher education about the receipt of new federal funding for bioterrorism, homeland security, and emergency preparedness.
- The letter requested quarterly expenditure reports on the new funds and the reporting of any similar new funding that might be procured in the future.

Response to Request

- As of June 4, 2002, 5 state agencies and 34 institutions of higher education have indicated they do not
 expect to receive federal grants related to bioterrorism, homeland security and emergency preparedness.
- To date, agencies listed in the chart below have reported new federal funding related to bioterrorism, homeland security and emergency preparedness. (Direct funds for Texas National Guardsmen, airport security and operations, totaling approximately \$15.0 million dollars, are not reflected in the state budget.)

Federal Funding Increases: FY 2002

| State Agency | Federal Program | Grant Amount (in millions) |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Texas Department of Health | - Bioterrorism Response, Monitoring and | \$52.0 |
| | Public Health Emergency Preparedness | 40.4 |
| | - Hospital Emergency Preparedness Assessment and Equipment | \$8.3 |
| Texas Workforce Commission | - Employment Services for Aviation, Tourism and Related Industries | \$6.2 |
| Texas Engineering Extension Service | - National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center | \$2.6 |
| Texas Veterinary Med. Diagnostic Lab | - Rapid Detection and Diagnostics Networks | \$2.0 |
| Texas Department of Public Safety | - State Terrorism Preparedness Program | \$1.0 |
| | - Counter Terrorism Training Initiative | \$0.3 |
| Texas Animal Health Commission | - Plant Pest and Animal Disease Outbreak Prevention and Response | \$0.05 |
| | Total | \$72.4 |

Anticipated New Federal Appropriations for Bioterrorism, Homeland Security, and Emergency Preparedness

- Public Health and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002: Additional \$39.3 million for Texas
 Reauthorizes and increases funds for FY 2003, subject to appropriation, to improve public health
 preparedness, control biological agents, and protect food and water supplies. Passed the House and Senate.
- Supplemental Appropriations Bill for 2002: \$5.8 billion dollars nationally for Homeland Security, some of which may go to states. Passed by the House and Senate, now in conference.