DHS ANNOUNCES GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

As part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) ongoing efforts to support state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, Acting Secretary Elaine Duke today announced final allocations of $288 million for six Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 DHS competitive preparedness grant programs. These allocations, in addition to the more than $1.3 billion in non-competitive grant funding announced by DHS in June, total more than $1.6 billion in FY 2017 to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, nonprofit agencies, and the private sector with their preparedness efforts.

“The Department of Homeland Security remains committed to supporting our partners in government and the private sector nationwide as we strengthen our ability to prepare for and respond to a variety of threats together,” said Acting Secretary Elaine Duke. “The threat environment today is continuing to evolve quickly, and these grants help our partners plan for and ready themselves against everything from natural disasters to terrorist attacks. Protecting the American people is a shared responsibility, and we must remain vigilant and ready to respond.”

Together with previous grant funding awarded since 2002, DHS has awarded more than $49 billion to the sector to date. Preparedness grants to strengthen the nation’s ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies in support of the National Preparedness Goal and the National Preparedness System.

Also today, $8 million of funding is being announced for Homeland Security National Training Program/Continuing Training Grants, to be used in accordance with congressional guidance to develop and deliver training that addresses priority gaps in core capabilities and responds to specific threats and hazards.