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Memorandum For: All Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipients

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Subject: **Discontinue Use of the Texas Regional Response Network (TRRN)**

The purpose of the memorandum is to make Homeland Security Grant Program subrecipients aware that the Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) within the Office of the Governor will no longer require subrecipients to register with TRRN or enter deployable assets into the system.

TRRN was implemented in 2004 as an application designed to help users gather resource information to aid in emergency response planning by allowing users to collect and retrieve resource information. The requirement to register and report deployable assets subsequently became a grant eligibility requirement for any entity seeking Homeland Security preparedness funding in Texas. The system is currently hosted by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Upon recent review of this grant eligibility requirement and following numerous discussions with subrecipients, Regional Councils of Governments, Urban Area Working Groups and TDEM staff, a decision has been made to discontinue the use of TRRN in Texas. This decision is based on the fact that many jurisdictions have implemented local or regional resource and asset typing systems that are more evolved and useful than TRRN in its current state, resulting in a duplicate entry and tracking system that no longer serves its intended purpose.

As a result, participation in the TRRN system will no longer be a grant eligibility requirement. **This decision applies to any grants funded by HSGD using the Federal 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program as well as any subsequent years of funding.**

Keep in mind that although the requirement to participate in TRRN has been discontinued, all subrecipients receiving Homeland Security Preparedness funding are still required to implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS). **As a subrecipient and emergency management provider you are still required to inventory and maintain current information on shareable and deployable resources.** While a resource inventory can be as simple as a paper or electronic spreadsheet, many subrecipients are using information technology based inventory systems.

If your jurisdiction does not currently have a tracking system outside of TRRN, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides a "no cost" resource inventory tool known as the Incident Resource Inventory System or IRIS. This standards-based system allows for the seamless exchange of information with other instances of IRIS and with other standards-based resource inventory and resource management systems. IRIS allows users to identify and inventory their resources, consistently with NIMS resource typing definitions, for mutual aid operations based on mission needs and each resource's capabilities, availability and response time, and share information with other agencies. IRIS stores data locally on the user's computer or on the user's network if configured during installation.

For more information on IRIS please go to: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90803>

To download IRIS to your computer or network use this link: <https://nimstools.preptoolkit.org/>

TDEM has agreed to continue hosting the TRRN system through 8/31/16 to allow jurisdictions an opportunity to download any existing data for record keeping purposes or to transfer information into an alternate resource tracking system. **Following 08/31/16 the TRRN will no longer be accessible.** If you have any questions regarding TRRN or the planned discontinuation of the system, please contact Chuck Phinney at chuck.phinney@dps.texas.gov or by phone at 512-424-5353.