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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

Florida Division of Emergency Management Releases Funding Availability for CITIZENS CORPS/ Community Emergency Response Team Programs

The Division of Emergency Management is providing you with notification of its intent to open the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 competitive awards application cycle for the Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. We anticipate the official Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be announced in the August 10, 2012 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly.

The applications will be available online July 31, 2012, at the Florida CERT website, which can be accessed at www.floridadisaster.org/CitizenCorps. The submission deadline for these grants is September 17, 2012. If there are no pending appeals, funds provided under the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 cycle will be available to award recipients no earlier than October 1, 2012.

The Citizen Corps/ CERT program provides a structured opportunity for citizens to augment local emergency response activities. Program funds will be used to train people to be prepared for emergency situations in their communities and neighborhoods. CERT members give critical supports to first responders in emergency situations.

The funds will be available to any regional or local government in the State of Florida. Eligible applicants also include Fire Tax Districts and Native American Tribes or nations of Florida. The total funds for the CERT sub-grants are \$300,000.00.

The Division of Emergency Management will accept sub-grant applications to perform the following activities as described hereinafter:

CERT Program – These funds are for CERT Training and start-up programs in areas of the State where CERT is not currently constituted and/or expansion of current programs. Awarded contracts for a start up or an expansion CERT program will be made available in the range of \$5,000 to \$15,000. There is a match requirement. Certain restrictions on what these grants can be used for do apply. *(Please see application instructions for more details)*

All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope to:

***Citizen Corps Office- Sub-grant Application
Florida Division of Emergency Management
Domestic Preparedness Section
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard-Sadowski Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100***

By 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time on September 17, 2012. Any application received after this date, will not be considered for funding.

For more information on volunteering during disasters and community emergency response teams, visit the new Florida CERT website, www.floridadisaster.org/CitizenCorps. For more information on disaster assistance, and to find out how you can “Get a Plan” for disaster preparedness, visit www.floridadisaster.org.