

the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. The funding is to be competitively awarded. FEMA is directed to submit an expenditure plan to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of enactment of this Act and prior to the obligation of funds.

REAL ID GRANTS

The Committee recommends \$50,000,000 for grants to assist States in complying with the largely unfunded mandate of the REAL ID Act, \$50,000,000 above the amount requested and the same as the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. DHS estimates the total cost to States of implementing REAL ID to be \$3,965,000,000 over eleven years. This REAL ID grant program is funded instead of the unauthorized National Security and Terrorism Prevention grant program proposed by the Department.

INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANTS

The Committee recommends \$50,000,000 for interoperable emergency communications grants, \$50,000,000 above the amount requested and the same as the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. The Committee includes a provision mandating that application kits be made available to States within 30 days after enactment of this Act; that States have 45 days to apply after a grant opportunity is announced; and that FEMA make grant determinations within 60 days of the application deadline. FEMA is directed to work with the Office of Emergency Communications to develop program guidance for these grants.

The Committee is aware that fiscal year 2008 grant guidance prohibits grantees from using awards for equipment acquisition. This is in contravention of the Committee's fiscal year 2008 direction to FEMA to award funds pursuant to the 9/11 Act, which does not preclude purchasing equipment. The Committee understands that FEMA places priority on leadership and governance, common planning and operational protocols, and skills and capabilities. The Committee agrees with this priority, but States and localities also should be given the flexibility to purchase equipment if they have made progress or have separate funding sources to address FEMA's priority areas. Therefore, the Department is directed to allow States and local governments to purchase equipment pursuant to requirements in the 9/11 Act.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS

The Committee recommends \$35,000,000 for Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), \$35,000,000 above the amount requested and \$20,000,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. Funding is available until expended. Funding is provided for equipping, upgrading, and constructing EOCs pursuant to section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Committee recognizes the vast needs for EOC funding and provides this funding in addition to funding States and locals may use from other Homeland Security grants for the same purpose.

The Committee provides funding for the following Emergency Operations Center projects in the following amounts:

Tensas Parish Police Jury, LA .....	\$750,000
City of Rialto, CA .....	225,000

Village of Poynette, WI .....	1,000,000
Sebastian County, AR .....	750,000
Lake County, FL .....	1,000,000
Sarasota County, FL .....	1,000,000
Northumberland County, Department of Public Safety, PA .....	1,000,000
City of Detroit, MI .....	1,000,000
San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, CA .....	400,000
City of Half Moon Bay, CA .....	750,000
Chesterfield County, VA .....	250,000
Spencer County Commissioners, Rockport, IN .....	1,000,000
City of Gladstone, OR .....	60,000
City of Coral Springs, FL .....	550,000
Snohomish County, WA .....	1,000,000
County of Atlantic, NJ .....	750,000
City of Rio Vista, CA .....	150,000
American Red Cross, Sacramento Sierra Chapter, CA .....	35,000
Village of Bellerose, NY .....	200,000
Town of Pomona Park, FL .....	300,000
San Francisco Police Department, CA .....	1,000,000
North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, NC .....	1,000,000
City of Del Rio, TX .....	500,000
City of Bell Gardens, CA .....	175,000
City of Cudahy, CA .....	50,000
The County of Cook, IL .....	1,000,000
Douglas County, GA .....	500,000
City of Richmond, VA .....	750,000
Hudson County, NJ .....	1,000,000
Marion County, FL .....	750,000
City of Miami Beach, FL .....	1,000,000
Vermont Emergency Management Agency, VT .....	1,000,000
Crittenden County, KY .....	750,000

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Committee recommends \$236,000,000 for National Programs, \$91,000,000 above the amount requested and \$63,300,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2008.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM

Of the funds recommended for National Programs, the Committee provides \$92,000,000 for the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, \$60,000,000 above the amount requested and \$4,000,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. Consortium members funded in fiscal year 2008 shall each receive \$23,000,000.

CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

Of the funds recommended for National Programs, the Committee provides \$47,000,000 for the Center for Domestic Preparedness, the same as the amount requested and \$15,500,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2008.

NATIONAL EXERCISE PROGRAM

Of the funds recommended for National Programs, the Committee provides \$40,000,000 for the National Exercise Program, the same as the amount requested and \$10,000,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2008. This program provides the opportunity for key leaders at the Federal, State, local, territory and Tribal lev-