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Section 1 > Introduction**Purpose**

A. Purpose:

The purpose of the Nebraska State Homeland Security Strategy (NSHSS) is to identify a strategic direction for enhancing the State of Nebraska's capability and capacity to detect, prevent against, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or incidents of terrorism, natural disasters, major emergencies, and incidents of national significance. This is an exceedingly complex mission that requires coordination, cooperation and focused effort from the entire State's citizens, local, tribal, state, and federal government, as well as the private and non-profit sectors.

This strategy incorporates the vision of The National Preparedness Goal and will enhance the introduction of several of the building blocks in support of the establishment of a State Preparedness System. The State Preparedness System can best be achieved through the application of a systems-based approach, utilizing capabilities based planning as a common, all-hazard, major events planning process. This will provide a mechanism for measuring preparedness and identifying future preparedness investments. The State Preparedness System is a system of systems. As stated in the National Preparedness Goal, "a system is a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications integrated into a common organizational structure to achieve a mission or outcome." Many processes, programs, and capabilities already in place within State, local, tribal, and private sector homeland security programs and across disciplines will support the National Preparedness Goal. The State Preparedness System provides a way to enhance these existing resources by networking them together more effectively through the utilization of the National Planning Scenarios, Universal Task List (UTL), Target Capabilities List (TCL), and the seven National Priorities. The strategy will also build on the regionalization of equipment and resources and the interoperability of communication projects supported by previous Homeland Security Grants. These projects were identified as a result of the Nebraska assessment completed by local county jurisdictions in November 2003. The assessment included a comprehensive risk, capabilities, and needs assessment. The results of the assessment provided an insight into the requirements of the State.

The State of Nebraska will apply the resources available from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and The Center for Disease Control (CDC) to address unique planning, equipment, training, and exercising needs to assist in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent against, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or incidents of terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies.

Vision

B. Describe the state vision for the strategy

The State of Nebraska will reduce the vulnerability of people and communities of the state to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies, authorize and provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to mitigation of, protection of, prevention of, preparedness for and response to terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies by agencies and officers of this state and its political subdivisions and similar state, local, tribal, interstate, federal-state and foreign activities in which the state and its political subdivisions may participate; and assist in mitigation and prevention of terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies.

Focus

C. Describe the focus for the state.

Enhance capabilities through a comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise, and training (PET) program and implement the Nebraska Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (NeHSEEP) approved and accepted by ODP.

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Focus

Continue to develop, implement, and improve local, regional, and state-wide interoperable communication systems.

Maintain an emphasis on an Incident Management System and implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as per the Governor's Executive Order #0502 of March 4, 2005.

Implement the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) and the State Preparedness System to allocate and prioritize resources that allow local, county, and state jurisdictions to protect first responders and save lives until additional mutual aid, state, or federal aid arrives.

Enhance capabilities to prevent against, protect against, respond to and recover from a terrorism event, natural disaster, or major emergency.

Coordination

D. Coordination

Describe the organization at the state level for strategy development and approval, the process used to complete the strategy, and decision-making authority.

The Governor established the Homeland Security Policy Group in 2001, with the Lieutenant Governor as the State Homeland Security Director. The Homeland Security Policy Group then established the Homeland Security Leadership Group, which established the Exercise, Training and Planning Teams. In 2005 the Lieutenant Governor, as the State Homeland Security Director, along with the Homeland Security Policy Group replaced the Homeland Security Leadership Group, with the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Group with representative from State agencies, local jurisdictions, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and the Citizen Corp Coordinator as per the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Guidance. When the Nebraska assessment and strategy effort was initiated, the Governor designated the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for the State Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy program (SHSAS). The SAA then tasked the Nebraska Homeland Security Planning Team as the working group responsible for making recommendations regarding the strategy preparation phase for program goals, objectives, and implementation plans. Once those suggestions for completion were made they were presented to the SAA and the Policy Group for review before going to the Governor's office for final approval.

Effort

The Nebraska Homeland Security Planning Team is a multidisciplinary committee developed in order to help guide the strategy development process for grant allocation funding for distribution among emergency responders in the state. This group includes representatives from Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Management, Fire Service, HazMat, Public Works, Governmental Administrative, Public Safety Communications, Health Care, Agriculture, University System and Public Health. When the workgroup was tasked it was clear each discipline represented would have to focus on state needs in order to strengthen current capabilities. Each discipline served as a subject matter expert in their area of expertise and provided input on what specific equipment, training and exercise needs would exist based on Nebraska planning factors for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) scenarios.

The Governor has determined that designated state agencies and all jurisdictions participating in the Homeland Security process will adopt a program of progressive comprehensive planning, exercising and training to ensure an integrated and coordinated response capability.

To ensure this process, several objectives listed in this Strategy are mandatory prerequisites for participation in the grant process. The mandatory objectives are A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4,

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B.5, B.6, and C.1. To participate in the grant process each designated state agency and all jurisdictions will demonstrate they have completed these objectives or that they will complete them as part of this grant process. Funds obligated to them will not be reimbursed until they have demonstrated the completion of these objectives. Successful completion by designated state agencies and jurisdictions of the mandatory objectives will include a current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the submission of a 5-year training and exercise calendar.

Description of Jurisdictions

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There are 93 counties that comprise the State of Nebraska. The Governor of the State of Nebraska, through the Homeland Security Policy Group, designated each county as a jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction performed an individual assessment that developed their capabilities and needs at the jurisdiction level. The County Emergency Manager was designated point of contact for each local jurisdiction with responsibility to include all first responders in the assessment process. The inclusion of the Indian Tribes was incorporated into the local jurisdictions in which they reside for integration into the process.

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G. Regionalization and Mutual Aid

The Nebraska Emergency Management Act of 1996 states, "It shall be a sufficient reason for the Governor to require an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement or arrangement pursuant to section 81-829.47 of the Nebraska Emergency Management Act if the area and local governments involved have available equipment, supplies, and forces necessary to provide mutual aid on a regional basis". A key aspect of Nebraska's strategy since 1999 has been to develop State Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) Emergency Response Teams in selected jurisdictions with HazMat capabilities to become a state resource for HazMat/WMD response. There are 11 MOU jurisdictions geographically located across the State in addition to 1 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) consisting of 3 counties surrounding the core City of Omaha. These jurisdictions and the UASI have been identified as priority jurisdictions for past and future Homeland Security Grants with an emphasis on regional HazMat/WMD response capability.

In addition to the HazMat/WMD MOU jurisdictions, we have also identified 13 interoperable communications regions for the entire State. These regions were developed in cooperation with the Nebraska Division of Communications. Common use frequencies based on current mutual aid agreements, geographical distribution of the communities with common threats and capabilities and the ability to leverage existing financial resources were the criteria for this regionalization. Prior to receiving Homeland Security Grant funding each communication region had to develop a communications plan for approval by the Nebraska Division of Communications. The State of Nebraska plans to utilize the 13 interoperable communication regions or areas of common interest to implement the National Preparedness Goal and State Preparedness System on a regional basis.

Interstate response activities at the local level are accomplished by response organization, city and village governments, and county governments maintaining active mutual aid agreements that cross state boundaries and the state to state assistance is accomplished through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Fusion Center

In support of the National Priority, emphasizing terrorism information sharing, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) supported by the SAA has been very successful in its previous Homeland Security initiatives by identifying, combining and/or enhancing existing resources. Creating a second information gathering and dissemination point is not the best use of the tax payers dollars and would add an unnecessary, redundant

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layer in the information sharing arena that is in operation today.

The following resources are currently available and used for information fusion between and among state, local, federal, and interstate partners in law enforcement and terrorism prevention.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Information Network System (NeLEIS) is an automated information gathering / research / dissemination tool developed by the NSP and the Nebraska Crime Commission in 1997. The original concept was designed for the submission and dissemination of information directly related to narcotics distribution. The original concept of this information sharing system has been expanded over the years to include all criminal information and potential terrorist activities. This system also taps information sources from the following agencies Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Omaha Police Department (OPD), Norfolk Police Department, Grand Island Police Department, NSP, and the federal agencies DEA, Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (MHIDTA) and the FBI. The system also accesses the Nebraska NCJIS data source. This system offers secure e-mail and secure instant messaging for authorized users. The NeLEIS was designed with an automated deconfliction component built into it. This insures that when a user accesses information the submitter of that information is notified. This facilitates communication between the two agencies.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (NeLEIN) is a communications network that specially trained local and state law enforcement officers use to gather, submit, and share information related to criminal activity across the state. NeLEIN is a primary network used by the NSP as well as several local, county, state and Federal law enforcement agencies and are members of the MHIDTA.

The Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) is a nation wide intelligence gathering and dissemination system developed in the mid 80's to facilitate the exchange of criminal intelligence information across the United States. Nebraska is an active member of the RISS net through participation in our regional clearing house, the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC). During 1999, RISS began expansion of RISSNET to electronically connect state and federal law enforcement agency systems as nodes to provide additional resources to all users. As of May 2005, 17 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, 18 state agencies, and 12 other federal and regional systems have an established node connection to RISSNET.

In September 2002, the FBI Law Enforcement On-line (LEO) system interconnected with RISS. In October 2003, the RISS/LEO interconnection was recommended in the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan as the initial sensitive but unclassified communications backbone for implementation of a nationwide criminal intelligence sharing capability. The Plan encourages agencies to connect their system to RISS/LEO.

In April 2003, RISS expanded its services and implemented the Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange, now called the Automated Trusted Information Exchange (ATIX), to provide additional users with access to homeland security, disaster, and terrorist-threat information. RISS member agencies as well as executives and officials from other first-responder agencies and critical infrastructure entities can access ATIX.

The NSP also uses an analytical software package, ?i2? that allows law enforcement agencies to analyze and chart criminal activities and associations.

Both the SAA and NSP are challenged by the lack of personnel and fiscal support needed to meet the continued expansion and intelligence integration we must address to better leverage and enhance our existing resources by:

? Building in a non-law law enforcement information submission component that could be accessed by both law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies.

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- ? Integrating selected data provided through the HLS briefing reports from the State HLS Directors office.
- ? Building upon the existing relationships between State Agencies to input critical asset specific information from sources such as the Departments of Agriculture, Health, Environmental Quality, Banking, NDOR and NEMA.
- ? Enhance and expand the states analytical capabilities.
- ? Build on and expand the current dissemination criteria to include our non-law enforcement HLS partners.
- ? Build a HLS training component for the NeLEIN and non-law enforcement participants.
- ? Utilize the existing NSP facility for receipt, analysis and dissemination of information.

Section 2 > Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Steps

Goal: GOAL A: (RESPONSE) Emergency Operations Plans will be used as the basis for planning, training, and exercise activities at the State and Local Levels.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective A.1

State agencies will use the State Emergency Operations Plan to formulate a comprehensive and progressive planning, training and exercise program. July 2006.

Objective A.2

Local jurisdictions will use their Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOPs) to formulate a comprehensive and progressive planning, training and exercise program. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps A.1.a

Maintain a planning committee.

Conduct a SEOP orientation in May of each year.

Make necessary updates and submit to policy group.

Update complete in July of each year.

Complete a full revision of the SEOP every 5 years.

Implementation Steps A.2.a

Establish a local LEOP review group.

Conduct a LEOP orientation two months before the born-on date for the LEOP.

Make necessary annual updates and submit to NEMA.

Annual update complete on the born-on date for the LEOP.

Complete a full revision of the LEOP every 5 years.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective A.3

Emergency Operation Plans will be used to identify training needs in the jurisdiction. June 2006.

Steps:

Implementation Steps A.3.a

Identify training needed to fulfill operational requirements.

Identify training resources to satisfy needs.

Schedule training.

Maintain records of training received.

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Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan

Objective A.4

Exercises will test plans, policies, and procedures included in the Emergency Operations Plans. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps A.4.a

Set exercise objectives based on EOPs.

Conduct exercise to test objectives.

Evaluate achievement of exercise objectives.

Goal: GOAL B: (RESPONSES) All partners in the Homeland Security Process will have a comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise and training program in place.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective B.1

State agencies and local jurisdictions involved in the Homeland Security Process will develop a Five (5) Year Comprehensive, Progressive Planning, Exercise and Training Plan to include all Planning, Exercise and Training events being planned for that period by June, 2006.

Steps:

Implementation Steps B.1.a

State agencies and local jurisdictions will develop a 5 year plan for planning, exercise, and training (PET) activities.

Review and update the 5 year plan annually.

Develop Orientations, Games, Tabletops, Drills, Workshops, Functionals, and Full Scales.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective B.2

State agencies and local jurisdictions will maintain an active Exercise Planning Team that is representative of the entire agency or jurisdiction. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps B.2.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will develop multi-disciplinary exercise planning teams.

Committee members will be charged with the task of creating a five year comprehensive, progressive PET plan.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective B.3

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the state assessment to identify equipment needs associated with the PET process. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan

Steps:

Implementation Steps B.3.a

Conduct an inventory of existing equipment in conjunction with the annual plan review.

Determine additional equipment and capability needs based on risk, threat assessments and lessons learned from PET process.

Prioritize distribution of equipment related to high priority risks and vulnerabilities.

Objective:

National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective B.4

State agencies and local jurisdictions will demonstrate the capability of their exercise planning team to design, develop, conduct and evaluate exercises identified in the Five Year Comprehensive, Progressive PET Plan. On going Mar. 2007.

Objective B.5

State agencies and local jurisdictions will evaluate all major exercises according to the standards identified in the Nebraska Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (NeHSEEP) in line with DHS HSEEP principles. On going Mar. 2007.

Objective B.6

State agencies and local jurisdictions will demonstrate the ability to report all exercises using the Nebraska Emergency Management Exercise Reporting System (NEMERS) format. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps B.4.a

Each exercise planning team will produce a series of comprehensive, progressive PET programs related to the vulnerabilities identified in their assessments.

Develop and implement a schedule for planned exercises.

Exercise planning team will design, develop and conduct a PET event at least quarterly.

Implementation Steps B.5.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will test exercise scenarios based on Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEG) set in place by the Nebraska Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

Agencies and local jurisdictions will complete and present an After Action Report (AAR) the next day for each exercise to include follow-up activities.

Implementation Steps B.6.a

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the provided NEMERS form in documenting all exercise and training events throughout the 5 year PET schedule

Goal: GOAL C: (RESPONSE) State agencies and local jurisdictions involved in the Homeland Security Process will have a comprehensive training program to support the exercise and planning process.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities

Objective C.1

Each agency or jurisdiction will use the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Program as the basis for individual and collective homeland security training. This training will be coordinated through NEMA. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps C.1.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will conduct an annual training needs assessment based on the ODP WMD Training.

Submit request for ODP assisted training to NEMA training coordinator.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities

Objective C.2

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the state assessment to identify equipment needs in the training process. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps C.2.a

Prioritize equipment needs, including equipment needs for continuity of operations and disaster recovery of IT, based on assessment tool.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on prioritized equipment list.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan

Objective C.3

Two persons from each agency or jurisdiction will attend and complete the Nebraska Exercise Development Course within the first five years of becoming partners in the State Homeland Security Process. Completion of NeHSEEP Course and Exercise Planning Course are prerequisites for the Exercise Development Course. On going Mar. 2007.

Objective C.4

Two persons from each agency or jurisdiction will attend the Nebraska Emergency Management Basic Academy and become Basic Certified Emergency Management Professionals. Mar. of 2006, 2007 and Aug. 2006, 2007.

Objective C.5

State agencies and local jurisdictions will have personnel trained in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS), within the first three years of membership in the State Homeland Security Process. Mar. of 2006, 2007 and Aug. 2006, 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps C.3.a

Maintain records of those personnel who have completed the Nebraska Exercise Development Course.

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Steps:

Implementation Steps C.4.a

Maintain records of those personnel who have completed the Nebraska Emergency Management Basic Academy.

Implementation Steps C.5.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will maintain records of those personnel who have attended and successfully completed the NIMS, HazMat Awareness, and Exercise Planning and Evaluation courses.

Goal: GOAL D: (RESPONSE/RECOVERY) Develop, expand, and implement a statewide interoperable Public Safety Wireless Communications capability to enhance the continued local and regional communication cooperative effort.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
OBJECTIVE D.1

Cooperate with the inter-local agency planning and assessment process to develop a statewide interoperable public safety communications system and integrate into the State emergency plan. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.1.a

Assist local jurisdictions in assessing essential services requiring interoperability.

Utilize the Homeland Security Planning Team in prioritizing essential services requiring interoperability. Cooperate and support local jurisdictions in the development of local plans to achieve interoperability of systems.

Identify and prioritize funding streams for local system integration.

Work with local jurisdictions and the State Division of Communications on the implementation plan for system integration. Work with Statewide Interoperable Communications Committee where appropriate to advance interoperable communications at the state and local levels.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
OBJECTIVE D.2

Enhance existing interoperable communications methods within selected jurisdictions to develop and improve interoperable public safety wireless communications system. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.2.a

Assess specialized equipment needed to enhance existing radio systems.

Determine and prioritize equipment needs by jurisdiction required to increase interoperable capabilities.

Allocate equipment resources to local jurisdictions based upon needs assessment and review by the Homeland Security Planning Team and approved by the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Group, the Homeland Security Policy Group and the Governor. Completion date June, 2006.

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Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
OBJECTIVE D.3

Include GIS systems in the design and implementation of proposed Statewide Interoperable Communication Systems. On going Mar. 2007.

OBJECTIVE D.4

Training resources and organizations are made available to develop, enhance, and improve interoperable public safety wireless communications systems. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.3.a

Identify the functional requirements of proposed Interoperable Communication Systems.

Integrate GIS capabilities into the proposed system. Completion date January, 2006.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.4.a

Prioritize training shortfalls identified during the jurisdiction assessments and PET process.

Identify training needs by discipline in order of priority

Provide interoperable radio communications training to local jurisdictions pertaining to the development, enhancement, and improvement of the statewide interoperable public safety wireless communications system.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
OBJECTIVE D.5

Incorporate required and planned exercises in the operation of multi-jurisdictional emergency responses. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.5.a

Assess currently planned exercises for each jurisdiction to ensure a public safety wireless system operations are included

Ensure that public safety wireless system operations are included during the design and planning phase of required exercises.

Goal: GOAL E: (RESPONSE) Enhance designated State MOU Emergency Response Teams to respond to the consequences of a HazMat/WMD incident where local resources are not available, or are inadequate.

Objective: National Priority: Expanded Regional Collaboration
OBJECTIVE E.1

Identify additional local jurisdictions with existing capabilities and willingness to contribute to state response. Jan. 2006

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.1.a

SAA will review existing state jurisdiction HazMat/WMD response capabilities

SAA will integrate selected jurisdictions into the State MOU Emergency Response Team program.

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Objective: National Priority: Expanded Regional Collaboration
OBJECTIVE E.2

Enhance organization, equipment, storage requirements, and transportation requirements for Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) jurisdictions. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:
IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.2.a

Complete in September of each year:

MOUs to determine equipment needs

MOUs to detail storage locations

MOUs to detail storage requirements

MOUs to detail transportation requirements

MOUs to determine teams POCs responsible for up-keep of these locations, equipment, and transportation resources

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities
OBJECTIVE E.3

Enhance organization, equipment, storage requirements, and transportation requirements for State Emergency Response Teams (SERT). On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:
IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.3.a

Complete in September of each year

SERT to determine equipment needs

SERT to detail storage locations

SERT to detail storage requirements

SERT to detail transportation requirements

SERT to determine teams POCs responsible for up-keep of these locations, equipment, and transportation resources

Goal: GOAL F: (PREVENTION) Increase jurisdiction participation with multi-level intelligence components/agencies to deter/prevent WMD/Terrorism incidents.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
OBJECTIVE F.1

Coordinate intelligence efforts pertaining to the dissemination of information to all jurisdictions. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.1.a

Assess existing intelligence efforts within the state to include public/private partnerships to improve the dissemination and exchange of intelligence information.

Encourage the participation of local jurisdictions in State and federal task force operations.

Encourage local jurisdictions and private entities to adopt the use of Regional Information Sharing System/Anti Terrorism Information Exchange (RISS/ATIX) as the infrastructure to exchange intelligence information.

Improve the analysis of intelligence data at the local and State level for dissemination to the Department of Homeland Security Operations Center.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
OBJECTIVE F.2

Coordinate the systems upgrade for storage and security of intelligence information currently residing on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Information System (NeLEIS) network to conform to RISS/ATIX protocol. On going Mar. 2007.

OBJECTIVE F.3

Support efforts to improve the data collection capability utilized by participants of the LEIN program and NeLEIS network. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.2.a

Annually assess system infrastructure to facilitate the integration and exchange of intelligence data bases capabilities

Increase capabilities with additional analytical software applications to assist in identification, mapping, and dissemination of intelligence information compatible with Department of Homeland Security Operation Center protocol

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.3.a

Annually assess and improve data collection software utilized by NeLEIS

Upgrade existing data entry and storage terminals currently residing in the NeLEIS network.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
OBJECTIVE F.4

The Nebraska State Patrol will continue to coordinate training and participation in the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN). On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.4.a

Continue to recruit and train local law enforcement officials for participation in the LEIN program.

Develop a process to educate private entities regarding intelligence infrastructure in the State of Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Patrol will continue to coordinate an annual LEIN training and exercise program for participating agencies.

Goal: GOAL G: (PREVENTION/RESPONSE/RECOVERY) Enhance capabilities to detect, identify, verify, respond to, and recover from a health related terrorism incident.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
OBJECTIVE G.1

Conduct an annual review of ESF-8, Health and Medical Services and the State Public Health Emergency Response Plan. July 2006, 2007.

OBJECTIVE G.2

Conduct a bi-annual review of Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans. July and Jan. 2006 and 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.1.a

Examine After Action Reports from exercises conducted and event response during the previous year.

Incorporate any relevant recommendations into the SEOP or corresponding policies and procedures.

Incorporate mass prophylaxis and medical surge information in ESF-8 of the State Emergency Operations Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.2.a

Examine After Action Reports from exercises conducted at the state and local level during the previous year.

Incorporate any relevant recommendations into the Local Public Health Emergency Response Plan Template or corresponding policies and procedures.

Assure that mass prophylaxis and medical surge capabilities are incorporated into Public Health Emergency Response Plans.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
OBJECTIVE G.3

Annually review State and Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans. July 2006.

OBJECTIVE G.4

Create a task force to develop an annual training and exercise plan for the State and Local Health and Medical Services. July 2006

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.3.a

Identify State and local public health response plans that require review by NHHSS.

Provide annual orientation to appropriate NHHSS staff on the SEOP and State and Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.4.a

Identify local representation to include in the already existing HHSS Exercise Planning Committee.

Develop a bi-annual training calendar for NHHSS and local public health staff.

Obtain Policy Cabinet approval for the Comprehensive, Progressive Planning, Exercise and Training Program calendar.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
OBJECTIVE G.5

Identify equipment needs at the State and Local levels for prevention, protection, response to and recovery from a public health and medical consequences of an event of national significance. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.5.a

Identify a task force to review special equipment needs for hospitals, local health departments and NHHSS.

Base equipment needs on the approved version of the vulnerability assessment.

Prioritize equipment needs in order to assure state and local ability to respond to surges in patient care and mass prophylaxis.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on prioritized equipment list.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities
OBJECTIVE G.6

Increase the skills of EMS, Public Health, Medical Care and Behavioral Health providers in responding to a HazMat/WMD incident. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.6.a

Utilize the NHHSS Exercise Planning Committee to review training needs for local health departments and NHHSS.

Prioritize training needs.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on the prioritized list.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
OBJECTIVE G.7

Utilize the NEMA exercise planning committee and the NHHSS Exercise Planning Committee to create and implement exercises, and incorporate local and/or regional public health agencies, hospitals, EMS, and behavioral health providers into such exercises. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.7.a

Identify exercise needs based upon the After Action Reports of local and state exercises and After Action Reports from event response.

Identify additional exercise needs based upon the threat and vulnerability assessments conducted for the Nebraska Homeland Security Strategy.

Provide exercise opportunities for medical surge and mass prophylaxis at the state and local levels.

Create and maintain a five-year comprehensive, progressive, planning, exercise and training plan.

Involve local and regional public health agencies, hospitals, EMS and mental health providers in the implementation of exercises.

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Goal: GOAL H: (PREVENTION) Improve the state's ability, at the county level, to recognize, detect, identify, respond to, and recover from an agricultural terrorism incident.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan
OBJECTIVE H.1

Conduct Annual Review of Agriculture Response Plan. July 2006 and 2007.

OBJECTIVE H.2

Increase the capability of local officials to plan for agricultural disease response and threats to food production, processing, and distribution systems. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.1.a

Conduct a review of the Agricultural Response Plan by the Plan Review Committee

Make necessary revisions to the Agricultural Response Plan

Submit Agriculture Response Plan to NEMA for inclusion in SEOP.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.2.a

Develop curriculum for delivery to county officials and responders.

Schedule delivery of training to local officials and responders.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan
OBJECTIVE H.3

Create and task a review committee to oversee the curriculum development and delivery. July 2006, 2007.

OBJECTIVE H.4

Create and task a review committee to identify equipment needs for response to agricultural events. July 2006, 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.3.a

Identify review committee members to include NDA and contracted staff.

Charge committee with tasks

Maintain contact between the committee and NDA throughout the process.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.4.a

Identify review committee members to include NDA staff.

Charge committee with tasks

Maintain contact between the committee and NDA throughout the process.

National Priority:

Objective: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan

OBJECTIVE H.5

Identify equipment needs, at the state and local level, for identification and response to an agricultural incident. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.5.a

Identify a team to review equipment needs annually within the state agencies.

Base equipment needs on the vulnerability and present capabilities assessment.

Prioritize equipment needs.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on prioritized equipment list.

Develop, at the local level, mutual aid agreements and private entity contracts to maximize efficient use of resources.

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OBJECTIVE H.6

Develop and implement a comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise and training program leading to the Statewide Agroterrorism Functional Exercise. June 2006, 2007.

Steps:

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.6.a

Develop and deliver orientations

Develop and deliver games

Develop and deliver tabletops

Develop and deliver workshops

Develop and deliver drills

Develop and deliver functional

Goal: GOAL I: (PROTECT, PREVENT) Focus resources to identify, define, assess, and priorities critical infrastructure to support response goals leading to an assessment and the determination of applicability of the NIPP.

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Objective 1.1

Develop a GIS database of key infrastructure and assets in the State. On going Mar. 2007.

Objective 1.2

The Department of Administrative Services will work with state agencies to develop physical facility relocation plans in the event a facility is destroyed or unusable. On going Mar. 2007.

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Steps:

Implementation Steps I.1.a

Continue project coordination of State GIS activities through Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technology (CALMIT) and State GIS Steering Committee

Complete and integrate functional requirements for the Nebraska State Patrol Computer Aided Dispatch Project

Implementation Steps I.2.a

Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan with designated State agencies.

Distribute Continuity of Operations Plan as a model to other State agencies.

Objective:

National Priority: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan Objective I.3

Coordinate with DHS and other security partners to identify and characterize high-priority CI/KR. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps I.3.a

Develop a subcommittee of the State Homeland Security Planning Committee to identify State Threshold Criteria for the CI/KR sectors.

See implementation step # 2 below for identifying privately held CI that meet the State Threshold Criteria.

Working with our GIS program staff, map, photograph and enter information for CI/KR meeting the State Thresholds.

Send updated data base to DHS

Objective:

National Priority: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan Objective I.4

Ensure ongoing coordination with relevant regional, local, and private sector CI/KR entities. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps I.4.a.

Begin working with the Heartland Business and Industry Emergency Taskforce and regional business planning associations to develop contacts with planning and security entities for each of the 13 C/I sectors

Work with Sector Specific contacts to identify CI that meets the defined State Threshold Criteria

Objective:

National Priority: Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan Objective I.5

Engage Federal, local and private sector counterparts regarding CI/KR protection initiatives through established coordination channels. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps I.5.a.

Continue to work closely with our partners through the following established channels:

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Steps:

JTTF & Intelligence and information sharing. This group has membership including FBI, State Patrol and Local Law Enforcement.

NEMA and the State Patrol has weekly and many times daily contact with the Protective Security Advisor assigned to Nebraska on issues of Critical Infrastructure.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network(NeLIEN) meets quarterly and has membership from the Nebraska State Patrol, FBI, local and neighboring State's Law Enforcement Agencies.

The ATTAC also meets quarterly and has membership from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, TSA, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska State Patrol, NEMA, local Law Enforcement and Private Business and Industry Security.

Heartland Business and Industry Emergency Taskforce and regional business planning associations with membership from most of the major Business, Industrial, State and local Emergency Management and local Law Enforcement agencies.

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Objective I.6

Facilitate the exchange of relevant security information and threat alerts down to the local level and the exchange of relevant security information and threat alerts with security partners. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps I.6.a

Identify security contacts in each of the 13 CI

Identify existing intelligence gathering and dissemination components.

Combine resources identified by the 13 CI components with existing intelligence gathering components for analytical and dissemination purposes.

Goal: GOAL J: (RESPONSE) Improve the State's ability to recognize, detect, identify, protect against, prevent against, respond to, and recover from an all hazards incident by public service responders and local jurisdiction public and private entities.

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective J.1

Agencies and organizations will review and revise their portions of the LEOP/SEOP annually. SEOP July 2006, 2007. LEOP On going Mar. 2007.

Objective J.2

Agencies and organizations will participate in the complete rewrite of the LEOP/SEOP as scheduled by NEMA. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps J.1.a

NEMA will coordinate and conduct reviews and revisions of the SEOP with the appropriate agencies.

Implementation Steps J.1.b

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Steps:

The local Emergency Manager will coordinate, conduct and submit revisions to their LEOPs to NEMA annually

Implementation Steps J.2.a

Local Emergency Managers will coordinate and conduct meeting to support plan rewrites

Implementation Steps J.2.b

NEMA will monitor County LEOP rewrite schedule.

Objective:

**National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective J.3**

Develop Citizen Corps Councils to educate the public and provide volunteer services under the Citizen Corps core programs. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps J.3.a

Through the Nebraska Volunteer Commission, develop and send out a grant application to develop and maintain Citizen Corps Councils and identify projects within the core programs the jurisdiction would like to accomplish.

Implementation Steps J.3.b

Local jurisdictions will submit their grant applications identifying the Citizen Corps activities to be undertaken within the local community in support of the program.

Implementation Steps J.3.c

The State Citizen Corp Council will award and monitor the grants in support of the State Homeland Security Strategy.

Implementation Steps J.3.d

Local Emergency Managers will aid local Citizen Corps Councils to assess PET needs to support citizen participation in core Citizen Corps missions.

Objective:

**National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
Objective J.4**

Responder agencies and organizations will assess their equipment needs based on duties and responsibilities identified in the Local and State Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP/SEOP) and in support of State Strategy Goals and Objectives. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps J.4.a

Local Citizen Corps Councils will assess and request equipment needed to carry out core Citizen Corps activities

Implementation Steps J.4.b

Agencies and organizations will identify and request the equipment needed to accomplish projects that support the State Strategy, and meet the need to respond to threats and/or mitigate the vulnerabilities identified in the jurisdiction's local assessment

Implementation Steps J.4.c

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Steps:

The local Homeland Security Point of Contact will complete and submit the grant application using project information from agencies and organizations, to SAA

Implementation Steps J.4.d

Agencies, organizations and the local POC will monitor and report to SAA the progress in completing the projects awarded to the county at the time and in the format included in the award package.

Objective: National Priority: Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities Objective J.5

Conduct agency training needs assessment in accordance with the ODP HazMat/WMD training program. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps J.5.a

Identify training necessary to successfully complete responsibilities identified in the LEOP/SEOP.

Implementation Steps J.5.b

Identify and take training necessary to correctly utilize and maintain equipment obtained under the grant programs

Objective: National Priority: Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan Objective J.6

Design, conduct, evaluate and follow-up on agency, jurisdictional, and multi-jurisdictional exercises. On going Mar. 2007.

Steps:

Implementation Steps J.6.a

Participate in the design, conduct, evaluation and follow-up of jurisdictional and multi-jurisdictional exercises

Implementation Steps J.6.b

Track the progress of response capabilities through the process of planning, training and exercising to meet the objectives of the agency or organization.

Section 3 > Evaluation Plan for the SHSS

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Section V. Evaluation Plan for the State Strategy

1. Who will be part of the evaluation process?

A sub-committee of the SHS Planning Team to include, at a minimum a member from the Agencies that have direct responsibilities for objectives including NEMA, NSP, HHSS, Ag. A representative

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from the Red Cross to represent VOAD organizations and members from the Department of Insurance and DEQ. Each agency will be responsible to follow-up on actions items for their agency and NEMA will be responsible for follow up on actions items for local sub-grantees.

2. What meetings have been developed and scheduled to evaluate progress?

The SHS Planning Team has scheduled monthly meetings. During or following one meeting date each quarter the sub-committee will meet to do the evaluation. Two of these meetings will include the input from the Semi-annual reports from the local sub-grantees for evaluation.

The Evaluation Sub-committee will prepare a progress report for the full committee following each quarterly meeting.

If, following the first semi-annual report, it is decided by the sub-committee and agreed to by the full committee that a local sub-grantee is not making satisfactory progress according to their project plan, that local sub-grantee will be asked to report on a more frequent bases.

There is no funding used for these meetings. Each agency's representatives are paid through their normal funding mechanisms.

3. How will progress be evaluated?

An evaluation tool tracking the objectives, implementation steps, and completed bench mark objectives by State and Local Jurisdictions will be used to evaluate progress. The completed tool will be maintained by NEMA. A copy of the quarterly report will be given to each member of the SHS Planning team. Copies of the quarterly reports that include the local sub-grantees evaluation will be also given to the members of the Governor's Policy Group.

The report will include identification of projects or action items that have met or exceeded expectations. Benchmarks reached on long-term projects. Identification of projects or actions that have not met expectations and the corresponding follow-up activities.

4. How will mid-course adjustments be made if goals and objectives change, if progress toward them stalls, or if mass casualty disaster occur?

The evaluation sub-committee will identify the need for corrections, adjustments based on progress reports, external causes or changes in program direction. The sub-committee will draft suggested changes or adjustments that will be presented to the full committee for approval.

Any changes to the goals or objectives must have the approval of the Governor's Policy Group.

Mid-course adjustments will be reported in the next semi-annual report. Changes to any goal or objective will be reported to our Grant Manager as soon as they are approved by the Governor's Policy Group.