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To: All California Cities & Special Districts

Subject: NIMS Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMSCAST)

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is committed to providing you with up-to-date information and guidance regarding the statewide effort to integrate California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) into NIMS.

Statewide self-certification of NIMS Compliance has been eliminated. FFY 07 and future NIMS requirements will use performance metrics that capture details on how a jurisdiction has met the FY 05 and FY 06 requirements. Compliance assessment through the use of these metrics is required for all future federal preparedness funding beginning with FFY 2008.

The NIMSCAST tool is now available to assist with reporting NIMS compliance metric. OES is requesting that all California cities and political subdivisions that receive federal preparedness funds verify NIMS compliance. **Failure to verify NIMS compliance will jeopardize your ability to receive federal preparedness funding starting FFY 2008.**

The NIMSCAST on-line tool has been modified to reflect the FY 2007 requirements and to collect the metrics associated with NIMS compliance. The metrics need to be completed and submitted to the NIMS Integration Center by **September 28, 2007**. A user's guide is available on the NIMSCAST home page to assist you.

Cities and political subdivisions have the option to include their compliance information within their county's assessment by requesting a password from their county OES representative for access to NIMSCAST. To be included in the county's metrics, cities and political subdivisions need to complete their metrics no later than **August 31, 2007**.

OES leads California in ensuring adoption, promotion and implementation of NIMS. OES continues to provide up-to-date materials on NIMS requirements and guidance through the OES website at www.oes.ca.gov under the SEMS/NIMS logo.

If you have any questions regarding NIMS compliance or the NIMSCAST on-line tool, please contact Glenn Cadman, OES, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator at 916-845-8775, or email to Glenn_Cadman@oes.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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