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**SEMA SOLICITATION
MITIGATION PROJECT PROPOSALS
FOR DECLARED COUNTIES
(Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry and Ste. Genevieve)**

The attached letter was received in the Regional Planning Commission's offices today. The State of Missouri requested and received a federal disaster declaration from storm events that began September 11, 2008. The state will be receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to complete eligible mitigation activities. The deadline for filing the Notice of Intent is Monday, March 2nd.

If you have a project that you feel would be eligible and would like assistance in filing an HMGP Notice of Intent, please contact the staff at the Commission's office.

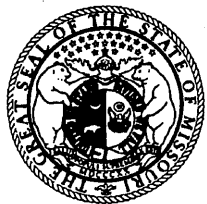
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January 30, 2009

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit
Director
Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 366,
Perryville, MO 63775

Dear Mr. Buchheit:

Due to severe storms, flooding, and a tornado event that began September 11, 2008, the State of Missouri requested and received a federal disaster declaration (FEMA-DR-1809-MO). As a result of the disaster declaration, the State of Missouri will receive post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to distribute to eligible applicants to complete eligible mitigation activities.

We are currently soliciting mitigation project proposals from all of the declared counties at this time. Mitigation projects must (1) independently solve a problem, (2) be cost-effective per benefit-cost analysis modules approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and (3) be environmentally sound per FEMA's review process may potentially be funded. Due to the type of hazard that resulted in the disaster declaration, priority will be given to projects involving mitigation of flooding and severe weather. Based upon past experience, we anticipate a higher demand for HMGP funds than will be available. Examples of other eligible project types include, but are not limited to, residential elevations, replace low water crossings, tornado safe rooms, and other minor flood control projects. Examples of *ineligible* project types include equipment, warning systems, stand-alone generators, studies, or phased projects. HMGP projects are funded at 75% Federal share. A **25% non-Federal match share** is required.

Upon receipt of project proposals, we will review the information provided for eligibility under the HMGP. If the proposed project is deemed potentially eligible for HMGP funding and enough funding is available, we will ask for additional information and a complete application. Therefore, if you are interested in applying for HMGP funds for a mitigation project that you believe is cost-effective, environmentally sound, and independently solves a problem, please complete and return an HMGP Notice of Interest form **by Monday, March 2, 2009**. The HMGP Notice of Interest form is available on the SEMA Mitigation website at <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Mitigation.htm>.

Also, note, your jurisdiction must have an All Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been adopted by your jurisdiction and approved by FEMA to be eligible for HMGP funding. Your jurisdiction must also be in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program to be eligible for potential funding for flood mitigation projects.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ms. Sheila Huddleston, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at (573) 526-9228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Campbell".

John H. Campbell
Acting Director



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