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RE: Sole Source Justification for City of Fort Worth Participation and Training in Enhanced Incident Management Unified Command Course, DHS Course Management 314 J

Dear Ms. Jones:

We are pleased to provide you the following regarding our DRS Course Management 314J:

1) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) course MGT-314, the Enhanced Incident Management/Unified Command (E IM/UC), was developed in 2003 by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to fill a void in the national training framework. The course offers individuals and jurisdictions a snap shot of incident and resource management requirements needed in order to respond to a large-scale disaster. In 2005, TEEX was given authorization from DHS to deliver a jurisdiction-specific version of the MGT 314. This course, known as MGT 314 J, offers jurisdictional teams a virtual, practical experience in realistic large-scale incident management using computer-based simulations. The course offered by TEEX, through its National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) allows jurisdictional incident management teams a chance to practice the process of decision-making and incident management while working through four highly intense simulation exercises. These exercises replicate Type 1, 2 or 3 incidents, and contain chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (C13RNE) components. This invaluable training experience has direct transferability for a jurisdiction's incident management team, incident command post staff or emergency operations team as they prepare for an actual large-scale incident. The jurisdictional team will learn by examining the effects of their decisions, while working in an Incident Command Post setting, using a notional jurisdiction and response resources.

2) The NERRTC, Emergency Operation Training Center (EOTC), in College Station, Texas, is the only location in the United States where this DHS course is available for delivery.

If you have further questions please contact Mark Anderson, EOTC Program Manager at 979-862-6090 or via e-mail at Mark.Anderson@teexmail.tamu.edu.

Sincerely,

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