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On January 28, 2008, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security increased the amount available in the FY2008 REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program (funding opportunity# DHS-FEMA-08-GDA-089-1756) from \$31,300,000 to \$79,875,000. This grant is available to the jurisdictions for the development of the REAL ID verification systems.

The attached document provides a revised overview of the different activities that the North Carolina/AAMVA grant proposal will cover based on the recommendations by the REAL ID Verification Systems Working Group and the REAL ID Steering Committee. The group, composed of 14 jurisdictions and DHS representatives, focused on developing an implementation approach that will minimize the implementation costs for the jurisdictions and that would address your agency's business needs on a priority basis.

AAMVA will partner with North Carolina to submit the proposal in an effort to benefit the AAMVA community at large. To that end, the proposal will include up to \$62.6 million of funding to go directly to the states through sub-grants for the states' system implementation (provided the full \$79.875 million is awarded to North Carolina). In order for your jurisdiction to participate in this effort, you will need to complete the letter of participation included in the attached document and return it signed to the State of North Carolina no later than February 29, 2008. The letter of participation will serve to confirm that the jurisdiction agrees with the grant approach. The submission of the letter of participation does not commit a jurisdiction to becoming REAL ID compliant. Jurisdictions that have already submitted a letter of participation prior to the increase in the grant fund need not re-submit. As of the second week of February, North Carolina has received 24 letters of participation.

**To submit your letter via US Mail, please use the following address:**

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**Responses may also be scanned and emailed to: [whurder@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:whurder@dot.state.nc.us) or faxed to (919) 733-0126.**

We look forward to your participation in this effort. Please feel free to contact Jim Magruder at 703-908-2841 if you have any questions about this matter.

Best Regards,

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