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Subject:

Here is where we stand with REAL ID. NGA will be drafting a NGA leadership letter to the Secretary outlining what Governors expect out of this deal with the Secretary: to produce the initial installment of \$1 billion. I am keeping this from being a REAL ID taskforce letter because I know Governor Sanford won't want to sign anything that says he could be ok with \$15 million going toward the hub when we don't even know if once the governance is created if we'll have a say in it if it doesn't meet our requirements for maintaining privacy for South Carolinians.

Also NGA will attempt to cue up a call with OMB Director Nussle and the taskforce Governors so that Nussle can hear directly from them that if we don't get the \$1 billion REAL ID first installment, REAL ID doesn't have a shot of happening. We think he may take the call since Sanford and Gibbons served with him in Congress, otherwise we don't think he is very open to this idea. I'll keep you posted on that.

Will one of you send me the cover letter that has been sent to all Members of Congress so that I'm up to speed on that?

Thanks,

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To: All Governors

This evening the DHS/Governors REAL ID Working Group met to discuss how to proceed with REAL ID. A general agreement was reached along the following lines:

1. The Secretary will advocate for the requested \$1 billion in funding within the administration.
2. The REAL ID grants will be distributed as follows: Approximately \$15 million for the hub; the remainder (approximately \$65 million) divided between each state that has applied for a grant. The \$65 million will be distributed .5% to each jurisdiction with the remainder allocated based on the number of drivers license/identification cards issued by the jurisdiction.

To be eligible for REAL ID grant funds your state must submit an application to DHS or send an email indicated your intent to submit an application by tomorrow, April 4.

If your state has already submitted an application, there is no need to submit another - it will serve as your place holder. States that have not submitted an application must either complete the short form application sent to all state DMV's last night, or, at a minimum, send an email to the REAL ID program office indicating that the short form application is being completed and will be delivered early next week. Again, the application or email must be received by DHS tomorrow, April 4. If no application is received, the state will not be eligible to receive REAL ID grant funds.

Please note, application for funds is only the beginning of the process and does not commit a state to complying with REAL ID. Also, the Administration's supplemental spending bill, the most likely vehicle to fulfill governors request for \$1 billion, will be considered by Congress in the next two to three weeks. Whether or not funds for REAL ID are part of the supplemental bill will provide governors a clear indication of how much federal funding they can expect from Congress and the Administration this year.

Below please find a copy of the email notice sent to all states last night. It contains contact information for DHS.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,
David Quam

TEXT OF DHS EMAIL TO STATES

The deadline for submitting a grant application for the REAL ID Demonstration Grant Program is Friday, April 4, 2008, 11:59 EST. The grant guidance can be found at the link below. Attached is a template for a grant application submission. It is intended to assist those jurisdictions who have not been planning to submit grant applications for the REAL ID Demonstration grants. In order to be considered for funding under this program, a jurisdiction must submit a grant application by the deadline. If you have any questions about the grant guidance or submission, please contact Frank LePage at 202-786-9643. DHS has been working with the Governors Working Group and NGA staff, and DHS encourages all jurisdictions to apply. Thank you.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=HzXZI2GWQGIf2rh3pHkXNRkd1nRy2pJQLtLVdyTibK3Lzn0BjkMn!1938230378?opId=40204&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

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