

Minutes

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Funding Committee Meeting

*State Emergency Response Commission
2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 10
Carson City, Nevada*

September 8, 2009

Teleconferenced Meeting

Members Present

Richard Brenner, Chair
Susan Crowley
Larry Farr
Stacey Giomi

Members Absent

John Helmreich

Staff

Suzie Adam
Shelley Fleming
Karen Pabón

Guests

Cherie Nevin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves as shown above. A quorum was present.

III. *APPROVAL OF THE JULY 30, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Stacey Giomi made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2009 meeting. Susan Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Discussion/Review/Approval of U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) mid-cycle grant applications submitted by the Storey County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Cherie Nevin of Storey County gave a synopsis of Storey LEPC's HMEP mid-cycle grant request. Storey LEPC is a member of the Quad County hazmat team. The LEPC, in cooperation with the Storey County Fire Department, is planning a

full scale hazmat exercise using the facilities of the Tri-Center Power Generation Station, within the industrial area known as the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRI). This station has a significant amount of anhydrous ammonia.

Storey LEPC has set up a drill for October 2, 2009 to train emergency personnel on responding to anhydrous ammonia spills/accidents. The drill is designed to test the communications operability, decontamination both gross and full, entry teams, NIMS safety officers' responsibilities, emergency operations center capabilities and the overall standard operating guideline for just such an incident. The grant request is for \$4,500. Included in the grant request is a proposal from Airgas and denial letter from the State Marshal's office stating they cannot offer this training. The Quad County hazmat team, which includes Carson City, Douglas and Lyon counties, will be a part of this training.

Ms. Pabón stated, according to policy, the LEPC is suppose to submit at least two competitive bids and Storey LEPC only submitted one. Ms. Pabón advised the grant application states there is only the one quote from Airgas due to this being specialized training. The SERC may approve a sole source contractor. Mr. Giomi asked Ms. Nevin if Storey LEPC is going through Airgas because it is the only service providing gases to the facilities in TRI. Ms. Nevin advised that was correct.

Mr. Brenner asked if the LEPC would meet the deadline for spending the funds. Ms. Pabón stated the LEPC would obligate the funds before the September 30, 2009 deadline.

Ms. Crowley made a motion to approve Storey LEPC's HMEP mid-cycle grant request for \$4,500 with the caveat of allowing the sole source. Mr. Giomi seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Nevin thanked SERC for arranging this special meeting and approving the grant request.

VI. *ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Crowley made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 a.m.