



# NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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## MEMORANDUM

Reference: NWCG#019-2010

To: Donald Grant  
FEMA National Integration Center

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

Date: April 8, 2010

Subject: State and Local Government Reimbursement for NWCG Sponsored Incident Management System Training

The National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) has a long history of working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance the capabilities of state and local government preparedness and response. Extensive collaborative work has occurred in developing Incident Command System (ICS) position-specific training, which included utilizing NWCG competencies and behaviors for responders.

Recently it has come to NWCG's attention that States and local government offering NWCG sponsored National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant courses do not qualify for Grant Program Directorate (GPD) funds. We feel that NWCG sponsored courses should qualify for GPD funds because they enhance state and local government capability to prevent, respond, protect, and recover from catastrophic events. In addition, the training specifically addresses the competencies and behaviors found in the ICS Position-Specific Task Books maintained by the National Competency Change Management Board.

Currently, several broad categories of courses automatically qualify for support by GPD funds. Examples of these broad categories include: All Incident Command System (ICS) training offered through the National Fire Academy (NFA), the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), and all NIMS training approved by the Incident Management Systems Integration Division (IMSID). The ICS training courses offered by these institutions are based on NWCG training curriculum.

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State and Local Government  
Reimbursement for NWCG  
Sponsored Incident Management  
System Training

NWCG is requesting that training found in the NWCG Field Managers Course Guide that enhances the knowledge and skills performance for ICS positions is included in the DHS Federal-sponsored course catalogue for support of GPD funds.

NWCG looks forward to ongoing collaboration efforts with the National Integration Center (NIC) to achieve our common goal of improving our national response capability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment A: Field Managers Course Guide PMS 901-1

cc: NWCG Executive Board