

NOTE: NIST Building and Fire Line Item is given \$16 million in a reimbursable agreement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

‘Taken from P.L. 107-206
2nd Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act...’

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DISASTER RELIEF

The conferees have agreed to provide \$2,650,700,000 in emergency funding for disaster relief, instead of \$2,750,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,660,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount appropriated includes a reduction of \$99,300,000 from the original supplemental request. The conferees have also agreed to retain the House Language that provides for the funds to be used to carry out the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1975. Additionally, the conferees agree to include language proposed by the Senate which will establish criteria for the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program for victims of September 11, 2001 and directs compensation for applicants who had previously been denied benefits. The conference agreement does not include House language with regard to the Texas Medical Center.

For the purposes of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center, measures taken by eligible private non-profit colleges and universities to protect the health and safety of students and faculty residing in areas affected by the disaster will be eligible for reimbursement.

The conferees agree that FEMA is directed to provide compensation to the New York city School system for costs stemming from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks for activities including additional classroom instruction time, mental health, trauma counseling, and other support services; guidance and grief counseling; clean-up and structural inspections and repairs of school facilities; and student relocations, lost textbooks and perishable food.

The conferees agree with the direction contained in House Report 107-480 with regard to the FEMA Inspector General review of FEMA's statutory authorities and identification of any gaps in coverage which may exist in dealing with disasters such as the terrorists attacks of September 11, 2001.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UNMET NEEDS

The conferees have agreed to provide \$23,200,000 for disaster assistance for unmet needs, instead of \$23,320,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include any

funding for this program. The amount will be available to address unmet needs arising from Presidentially-declared disasters occurring in fiscal year 2002.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

The conferees have agreed to provide \$447,200,000 for emergency management planning and assistance instead of \$151,700,000 as proposed by the House and \$745,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided, \$221,000,000 is contingent emergency funding. The amount provided includes \$100,000,000 for State and local all hazards operational planning; \$150,000,000 for the fire grant program as authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended; \$25,000,000 for Citizen Corps; \$56,000,000 for emergency operations centers; \$5,000,000 for development of mutual aid agreements; \$7,000,000 for procurement of secure communications equipment; \$54,200,000 for upgrading existing Urban Search and Rescue Teams; and \$50,000,000 for interoperable communications equipment for firefighters and emergency medical services. With regard to the amounts listed above, FEMA is directed to notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate of any funding changes between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. Any change in excess of \$1,000,000 may be made only upon prior approval of the Committees. The conferees direct FEMA to provide a spending plan prior to obligation of any funds for State and local all hazards operational planning.

The conferees urge that grants under the interoperable communications equipment programs be used to purchase cost effective solutions which allow entities to make existing communications interoperable such as cross band repeaters, frequency band patching and other network level solutions. In addition, equipment provided under these programs should be compatible with public safety analog ANSI/TIA-603 and/or digital radio ANSI/TIA-102 Standards.