

Pivotal Insight Announces Contract for Strategic Review of the DHS Firefighter Assistance Grant Program in Partnership with the National Academy of Public Administration

Washington, DC – August 1, 2006 – Pivotal Insight, LLC, a government best practices consulting and research firm, announces an award by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to perform an independent assessment of the effectiveness of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in meeting its goals of protecting the health and safety of the public and of firefighting personnel. The Prime Contractor for the award is the National Academy of Public Administration.

The purpose of this project is to develop an evaluation framework that will ensure the program is meeting its legislative purposes and to provide insight into what forms of assistance are most effective in achieving the program's primary purposes: 1.) to improve the fire fighting and emergency response capabilities of fire departments; and 2.) to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and fire-related hazards. The evaluation framework will include appropriate, practical performance measures to allow stakeholders to judge the program's effectiveness, a methodological framework to guide an evaluation of the impact of the grant program and an assessment of the program's current performance.

The National Academy of Public Administration and Pivotal Insight have partnered to assemble the optimal study team with expertise in Federal management, strategic planning and data analysis. "The Academy's study will help DHS's AFG program develop an evaluation framework that it can use to determine what forms of assistance are most effective in achieving the program's legislative purposes," said Steve Redburn, Project Director at the National Academy of Public Administration. "We are proud to have an opportunity to again partner with the Academy and to leverage our core expertise in Federal strategic analysis," said David Cooke, President and CEO of Pivotal Insight.

About the DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, Assistance to Firefighters Grants have helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The Office of Grants and Training in the Department of Homeland Security administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. For more information, visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/>.

About The National Academy of Public Administration

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