

Department who are not employees of the Agency and shall, in conjunction with the heads of other Executive agencies, designate employees of those other Executive agencies, as appropriate, to serve on the Surge Capacity Force.

**(c) Capabilities**

The plan shall ensure that the Surge Capacity Force—

(1) includes a sufficient number of individuals credentialed in accordance with section 320 of this title that are capable of deploying rapidly and efficiently after activation to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, including catastrophic incidents; and

(2) includes a sufficient number of full-time, highly trained individuals credentialed in accordance with section 320 of this title to lead and manage the Surge Capacity Force.

**(d) Training**

The plan shall ensure that the Administrator provides appropriate and continuous training to members of the Surge Capacity Force to ensure such personnel are adequately trained on the Agency's programs and policies for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

**(e) No impact on agency personnel ceiling**

Surge Capacity Force members shall not be counted against any personnel ceiling applicable to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**(f) Expenses**

The Administrator may provide members of the Surge Capacity Force with travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5 for the purpose of participating in any training that relates to service as a member of the Surge Capacity Force.

**(g) Immediate implementation of Surge Capacity Force involving Federal employees**

As soon as practicable after October 4, 2006, the Administrator shall develop and implement—

- (1) the procedures under subsection (b); and
- (2) other elements of the plan needed to establish the portion of the Surge Capacity Force consisting of individuals designated under those procedures.

(Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 624, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1419.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(A), is Pub. L. 93-288, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 143, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 68 (§ 5121 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5121 of Title 42 and Tables.

PART B—EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
CAPABILITIES

**§ 721. Evacuation preparedness technical assistance**

The Administrator, in coordination with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies,

shall provide evacuation preparedness technical assistance to State, local, and tribal governments, including the preparation of hurricane evacuation studies and technical assistance in developing evacuation plans, assessing storm surge estimates, evacuation zones, evacuation clearance times, transportation capacity, and shelter capacity.

(Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 632, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1421.)

**§ 722. Urban Search and Rescue Response System**

**(a) In general**

There is in the Agency a system known as the Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

**(b) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the system for fiscal year 2008, an amount equal to the amount appropriated for the system for fiscal year 2007 and an additional \$20,000,000.

(Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 634, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1421.)

**§ 723. Metropolitan Medical Response Grant Program**

**(a) In general**

There is a Metropolitan Medical Response Program.

**(b) Purposes**

The program shall include each purpose of the program as it existed on June 1, 2006.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program for fiscal year 2008, an amount equal to the amount appropriated for the program for fiscal year 2007 and an additional \$30,000,000.

(Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 635, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1421.)

**§ 724. Logistics**

The Administrator shall develop an efficient, transparent, and flexible logistics system for procurement and delivery of goods and services necessary for an effective and timely response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters and for real-time visibility of items at each point throughout the logistics system.

(Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 636, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1422.)

**§ 725. Prepositioned equipment program**

**(a) In general**

The Administrator shall establish a prepositioned equipment program to preposition standardized emergency equipment in at least 11 locations to sustain and replenish critical assets used by State, local, and tribal governments in response to (or rendered inoperable by the effects of) natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

**(b) Notice**

The Administrator shall notify State, local, and tribal officials in an area in which a loca-