Good morning everyone,

I know that we have been going “back and forth” on the interpretation of the letter that was recently sent to grantees and contractors regarding the suspension of work during a possible shutdown. Today I received a phone call that will (hopefully) explain the determination by the Department of Administration, Office of Grants Management.

1. Work on pass-through federal grants **MAY** continue during a shutdown until the time is needed for any state employee support, monitoring or intervention. At that point work must be suspended. They also must understand that payment will be suspended during the shutdown, as mentioned in the original grantee and contractor letter.

2. Any grant that is only encumbered expecting FY ’12 funds may not continue.

I also received a determination on the Professional/Technical contracts for the CAT, Emergency Response Team and the Bomb Squads. Their contracts have been extended on an emergency basis and they **MAY** continue.

I know that several of you have been communicating the first decision to your grantees and contractors and it will be time consuming to start all over again. **BUT** I do expect that you will communicate the current decision. It will make a difference toward meeting our goals of preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

This is good news and I appreciate everything you are doing to make sure we limit disruption for our stakeholders. Again, please communicate this with them.

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