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**SUBJECT USE OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND FORCES
ON GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PROJECTS**

Municipalities have requested that they be allowed to use their municipal equipment and forces through some additional grant programs. In response to this request, Cabinet has agreed with the recommendation of the Cabinet Policy Committee on Managing Growth Pressure that the current policy be amended.

Municipalities have been able to undertake work through allocation-based grant programs, as a cost-shareable expenditure, with prior department approval. Effective September 1, 2007 municipalities may now use municipal equipment and forces on the following project-specific programs: Resource Road Program, Cities Special Transportation Grant and Community Airport Program, supported with an appropriate business case and with prior department approval. There is a three-year sunset clause on this amendment. This policy amendment expires August 31, 2010.

This policy is only applicable to municipalities' undertaking their own work. A municipality may not bid on another municipality's competitive tenders.

Water for Life and Water/Wastewater projects and complex Local Road Bridge projects are not included in this amendment.

Municipalities are responsible to provide sufficient, appropriate information to the Regional Office in order to obtain department approval for municipal equipment and forces to be cost-shared on approved projects.