



## **Watercraft/Unmanned Maritime Vehicle System (UMVS) Request Guidelines**

The purchase of CBRNE Watercraft and Unmanned Maritime Vehicle Systems (UMVS) are allowable for the following uses:

Allowable uses for CBRNE terrorism prevention and response watercraft include protection of ports, critical waterways, dams, reservoirs, rivers, large lakes and other critical infrastructure located along waterways.

Allowable uses for remotely operated submersible vehicle systems include the support of various mission areas such as explosive device detection/remediation, hazardous materials operations, tactical law enforcement operations, search & rescue, and surveillance/detection at ports, critical waterways, rivers, large lakes, dams, reservoirs, and other critical infrastructure located along waterways.

These waterways must be identified as a critical asset to the state through a vulnerability assessment. In addition, the State Homeland Security Strategy or Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy must identify these waterways as critical assets requiring state and/or local prevention and response capabilities.

Prior to obligating funds for these equipment items a written waiver from FEMA must be obtained. A signed letter on agency letterhead, addressing all the points listed below, must be emailed to the assigned DHSES contract representative.

1. What grant year's funding will be used for this procurement? (Please keep in mind that the watercraft/UMVS must be accepted and paid for before the end date of the performance period of the grant from which the funding is used).
2. What agency will be the recipient of the watercraft/UMVS (who will operate the watercraft/UMVS)?
3. What is the agency's mission?
4. What kind of watercraft/UMVS and any equipment will be purchased (navigational, CBRNE detection/response, comms, safety, etc.) and why it is needed?
5. Indicate the critical waterways in which the watercraft will be used to support counter terrorism initiatives.
6. What is the primary purpose of the watercraft/UMVS? Must provide a strong and direct nexus to terrorism and allowable activities.
7. Has the agency certified that HSGP funds will not be used to support on-going operational expenses for the watercraft/UMVS? (Licensing, registration fees, insurance and all ongoing operational expenses are the responsibility of the grantee or local units of government and are not allowable under these grant programs.)
8. What goals and objectives from the State/UASI Homeland Security Strategy will be supported?
9. Include a brochure, spec sheet and/or weblink of a similar watercraft/UMVS.