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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Fire Construction Contingency Funding

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With the recent transfer of the Office of Fire and Aviation's lead employee dealing with construction, it has become evident that we are unaware of all discussions involving additional dollars for construction contingencies and/or additional Architectural and Engineering (A&E) needs. We understand that discussions have occurred, but with no tie to the budget shop, we have no way of determining what we need to do, nor available balances.

The purpose of these dollars is not to expand the original scope of any project. There are two available sources, depending upon the need, both limited in size but capable of assisting in the timely completion of projects if used properly. The contingency account is for cases of bids higher than expected or contract cost overruns. The A&E account is for projects where dollars for that purpose were not identified, or where A&E or other site planning can be done for projects approved for out year funding.

Please identify the project, the category of additional needs, contingency or A&E, a brief description/justification of the need if Contingency, and the dollar amount. Also, please identify any dollars already obligated as a result of discussions with former members of this staff.

We apologize for this additional workload, but feel it is necessary to ensure that you have the resources needed to complete these construction projects in a timely fashion. Please respond to the Office of Fire and Aviation, attention Lee Englesby by the designated due date. Decisions based upon these inputs and available funds will be transmitted to the State Fire Management Officers by 3/1/01. Questions may be directed to Lee Englesby, 208-387-5060, or Bill Mitchell, 208-387-5420.

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