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The opportunities for regional grants is once again wide open with the 2011 AFG. Departments can go in as a region consisting of 2 or more eligible applicants. PPE & SCBA were added back into the eligible projects along with Hose, Training, and of course communications (radios, pagers, MDTs, etc).

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We do our best to keep you up to date with the information we receive. As the grant timelines change, so will the information we provide you with. When dealing with the government a great deal of patience always needs to be involved.

The Guidelines Are Posted

The official 2011 AFG guidelines were posted today and the dates are set. **The grant period will open on Monday August 15th and close on September 9th.**

If we are working with your department and you still owe us information, it must all be received no later than **August 17th** or we cannot guarantee there will be ample time to work on your application. **If you are still looking to hire us, we must have a signed contract or purchase order no later than this Friday, August 12th** and all requested information again must be turned in no later than Wednesday August 17th. For additional information or to request paperwork:

866-5-GRANTS or

info@vickersconsultingservices.com

To review the 2011 AFG Guidelines you can go to www.fema.gov/firegrants

Who is Counting the Days?

Yes, for those of you who are doing the math, the grant period is cut short by a few days. In the past, most grant periods have been open 30 if not 33 or 35 days, this year it is only open for 26. Why? We are told that the government wants to stick with their goal of having the 2011 AFG review process at the end of September. While it's nice to know they are taking some deadlines seriously, we need

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A Note From Kids & Strangers

So far the response by your fellow departments, associations and unions to using our "Kids & Strangers" DVD as a **fundraiser** or sponsored giveaway has been overwhelming.

Names like Sandra Cantu, Elizabeth Smart, Somer Thompson, Shinaya Davis, Jaycee Dugard may be vaguely familiar. They belong to an elite group. Children who were abducted, raped and either held hostage (up to 18 years) or brutally murdered.

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to seriously consider the week of time they are taking away from us when it comes to prep and entry time. Wether you have hired us, are planning on hiring us, or are applying on your own make sure you pay close attention to your closing date and not assume you have the same amount of time you have had in the past.

Exciting Changes Coming To VCS this Fall!

We seem to be spending a lot of time these days waiting for AFG to open. Well, we want to give you something to look forward to. While the opening date for AFG seems to be at a stand still, our office has been hopping. Not only are we busy at work writing and working on the narratives and applications for the 2011 AFG grant period, but we have been busy adding two new members to our staff. Yes, come this fall we will be introducing our Grant Research and Coordinators. Their sole jobs here at VCS will be to search out the grants you are looking for and find a way to apply for the items your department wants and needs, but the large grants like AFG doesn't offer. We will be dedicating our entire September newsletter to this new grant process and along with it introduce you to the members of our team that are going to work to get you the generators, training towers, training materials, building improvements, and everything else that you have always been looking for!

Thank you for your continued business and support. We pride ourselves in being a company that employees writers that have served and continue to serve in the fire service also. They have been in the midst of the action themselves and understand your needs right down to our CEO who has been a volunteer firefighter for over 17 years and continues to serve his community proudly!

Contact us today to find out how we can help you help your community.

Vendors are no longer allowed to offer free assistance for fire department related grants. We do pride ourselves in keeping our prices low. As a reminder we do not take on more applications than we can properly handle at any one time, so be sure and let us know if you are interested in working with us as soon as possible so we can take the time to properly assist in preparing your application.