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To: Louisiana Division of Administration, Attn: Commissioner Taylor F. Barras, 201 N 3rd St # 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

SUBJECT: Cost Estimate – Louisiana National Guard (LANG) Support to Operation Lone Star

1. The Louisiana National Guard is in the planning and preparation phases to deploy service members to the Texas border in support of Operation Lone Star in an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) support status. The concept of the operation is to have fifty (50) Louisiana National Guard Service Members on the Texas border for a total of 90 days. The concept includes a small duration team and three iterations of an enhanced platoon for (30) days each. The estimated cost for this operation is \$3,191,550.00.

2. Cost Estimate includes Service Member pay and allowances, sustainment costs at a base camp managed by the Texas National Guard, reimbursable costs for military tactical vehicles, and costs of rental vehicles. All costs are the requirement of the State of Louisiana. All sustainment requirements are the responsibility of the State of Louisiana. Service Members will be lodged either in base camps or hotels dependent upon their mission location.

3. The objections of the operation include:

- Assist the Texas National Guard in the securing of the Texas border with Texas.
- Prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior on ports of entry.
- Stop smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into the United States via Texas.
- Deny Transnational Criminal Organizations the use of key terrain.
- Refer (canalize) illegal immigrant traffic to official Ports of Entry (POE).

4. The Louisiana National Guard anticipates conducting the following tasks:

- Static security patrols (Observation posts).
- Roving patrols (mobile patrol) integrated with local law enforcement agencies.
- Brush team operations patrolling areas between security points and roving patrols.
- Engineer obstacle emplacement (concertina-wire/anti-climb barriers).

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