

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus is pleased to announce that the Office for Domestic Preparedness has granted the Alabama Emergency Management Agency over \$30 million in Homeland Security Grants. “These grants will allow us to prevent, and heaven forbid, respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive terrorism in Alabama”, Bachus said.

The total \$30 million comes to Alabama as a result of the 2003 Omnibus and Supplemental Appropriations Bills. The funds will be used to build regional rapid response capabilities. According to state officials, \$18 million will be put towards mobile rescue and medical equipment, training, and staff. Another \$5.5 million will be for the purchase of law enforcement equipment that will bolster special event capability. The remaining funds will go towards securing the Port of Mobile and the State Capitol.

“ We need to increase first responder preparedness and to cover costs of enhanced security at critical infrastructure facilities during periods of heightened threat”, Congressman Bachus said. “We can never be too prepared when it comes to the safety of our families.”