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DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES ISSUES TEMPORARY CHANGES FOR LESO PROGRAM

OKLAHOMA CITY –The Department of Central Services (DCS) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) for the State of Oklahoma has temporarily suspended accepting requests for federal and state agencies surplus weapons. In June of 2010, the Department of Defense (DOD) relaxed restrictions on the distribution rations of LESO weapons resulting in an increase of surplus weapons' requests. This created an unusually large amount of processing backlog. The DCS LESO program will continue to process requests previously received. The program will postpone, up to 60 days, the acceptance of new requests in order complete processing of the backlogged applications. The department does not intend to raise fees at this time. LESO surplus program provides Federal Government surplus weapons to state and local law enforcement agencies for a small handling fee.

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