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FEMA Announces Projects for Fiscal Year 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Projects

On October 30, FEMA announced the projects that have been selected for funding support as part of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Following submissions that were required to be submitted by August 28, 2015, FEMA reviewed the applications to ensure they were eligible, cost-effective, technically feasible and effective in reducing the impacts of hazards.

FEMA's priorities for funding PDM projects included selecting applications that would fulfill required set asides for the statutory, tribal, and mitigation planning and for projects that limit duplication of other HMA grant programs. For the FMA program, priorities included funding for mitigation planning applications, mitigation of severe repetitive loss properties, and mitigation of repetitive loss properties.

The PDM program is designed to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters. The FMA program is designed to promote the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through long-term cost effective mitigation actions. The National Flood Insurance Fund provides the funding for the FMA program. FEMA also provides for a set aside for eligible tribal governments to help fund eligible mitigation activities under the PDM program.

Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) projects selected for the PDM and FMA programs were based on agency priorities identified on the Funding Opportunity Announcement. These included:

Important Dates & Deadlines



Preliminary
Damage
Assessment
Manual Open
Comment Period
Deadline

- 246 PDM subapplications from 64 applicants: 206 planning and 40 projects and associated management costs for \$29.5 million.
- 91 FMA subapplications from 21 applicants: 9 planning, 79 projects, 3 technical assistance and associated applicant management costs for \$150 million.
- 17 planning applications totaling \$2.3 million from Indian tribal governments under the PDM program.

To review the selected projects and review an updated status of each FY15 application online, visit www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status for PDM projects or www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-fy-2015-subapplication-status for FMA projects.

FEMA will work with applicants to conduct programmatic reviews of the selected applications identified for further review before making a final decision. Grant applicants should contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information. Further information is available at www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance.

November Is Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, observed in the month of November, builds awareness and appreciation of the importance of critical infrastructure and reaffirms the nationwide commitment to keep our critical infrastructure and our communities safe and secure. Securing the nation's infrastructure, which includes both the physical facilities that supply our communities with goods and services, like water, transportation, and fuel, and the communication and cyber technology that connects people and supports the critical infrastructure systems we rely on daily, is a national priority that requires planning and coordination across the whole community.

During November, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) focuses on engaging and educating public and private sector partners about the systems and resources that support our daily lives. DHS calls on partners, stakeholders, and communities to serve as force multipliers of this message. By raising awareness of the importance of securing the assets, systems, and networks we count on every day, we can build on the great work of this public-private partnership and further enhance the security and resilience of our critical infrastructure.

An important part of Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month is the continued work on implementing the National Infrastructure Protection Plan to safeguard both cyber and physical systems through collaborative public-private partnerships at all levels of government and industry from local, regional, national, and international perspectives.

This year, DHS is highlighting the 2015 Sector-Specific Plans, which supplement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. Throughout the year, the public and private sectors collaborated on updating these specific plans to address the unique capabilities, characteristics, and risk profiles of

their respective infrastructure sectors. The Sector-Specific Plans set the strategic direction for voluntary, collaborative efforts to reduce risk and build resilience over the next four years.

More information on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month is available at www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-security-resilience-month.

Emergency Management Institute Offers Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience-Related Courses

Just like the day-to-day efforts to secure and protect infrastructure, building awareness and understanding of the importance of critical infrastructure requires a nationwide effort, with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and partners across federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments and private sector owners and operators working together.

The DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) developed several courses to train and educate the critical infrastructure community, and support implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. IP developed these courses collaboratively with critical infrastructure stakeholders including federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government partners, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and private sector partners.

These online training courses are available at EMI's independent study program. More information can be found at www.training.fema.gov/is/cisr.aspx.

REMINDER: FEMA Seeks Comments on Draft Preliminary Damage Assessment Manual

FEMA seeks comments from state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management practitioners on the draft FEMA Damage Assessment Operating Manual. The manual establishes national damage assessment standards developed from historic lessons learned and best-practices already in use by federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial, emergency management agencies.

The FEMA Damage Assessment Operating Manual is built using a framework that encourages local information collection, state, tribal or territorial verification, and federal validation. This document better highlights and provides guidance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments on their role in the assessment. This version of the PDA manual also clarifies the types of damage that will qualify under the descriptors of destroyed, major damage, minor damage, or affected.

The draft manual and comment matrix is posted in the FEMA library. Comments should be added into the comment matrix and submitted to Mr. Ryan Buras, Senior Program Advisor, Public Assistance, Recovery Directorate, by 11:59 p.m. EST on **November 14, 2015**. FEMA asks that

comments on the manual be sent either by email to PDManual@fema.dhs.gov or by mail with a November 14 postmark to Mr. Ryan Buras, Senior Program Advisor, Public Assistance, Recovery Directorate, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW, Mail Stop 3163, Washington, DC 20472.

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