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## FEMA Announces 2016 Youth Preparedness Council Members

FEMA has announced the selectees for the 2016–2018 Youth Preparedness Council. Created in 2012, the council brings together youth leaders from across the country who are interested in advocating on behalf of preparedness and making a difference in their communities by completing preparedness projects. The council supports FEMA's commitment to involve youth in preparedness-related activities. It also provides an avenue to engage youth by taking into account their perspectives, feedback and opinions. Council members meet with FEMA staff throughout their term to provide input on strategies, initiatives and projects.



Tribal Consultation Hazard Mitigation Planning Comment Period Ends



Youth Preparedness Council Summit Begins

FEMA selected the ten new members of the council based on their dedication to public service, community involvement and potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness.

The members selected in 2016 are:

- Kristen Lavoie (FEMA Region I, New Hampshire)
- Ahjeetha Shankar (FEMA Region I, Connecticut)
- Aahna Ghosh (FEMA Region II, New Jersey)
- Sam Kleinberg (FEMA Region II, New Jersey)
- David Bedard (FEMA Region III, Virginia)
- Preston Buszka (FEMA Region V, Michigan)
- Chandler Villa (FEMA Region VI, Texas)
- James Hirsch (FEMA Region VII, Missouri)
- Jerome Dinakar (FEMA Region VIII, Colorado)
- Alexander Sun (FEMA Region VIII, Utah)

The returning council members are:

- Kiahna Lee Espia, Council Co-Chairperson (FEMA Region IX, Guam)
- Divakar Saini, Council Co-Chairperson (FEMA Region IX, California)
- Angelo DeGraff (FEMA Region III, Maryland)
- Hailey Starr (FEMA Region X, Washington)
- Megan Stutzman (FEMA Region X, Oregon)

Each council member will participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit, **July 19–20, 2016**, in Washington, D.C. The summit gives members the opportunity to share their ideas and questions with national organizations; plan their legacy project; and meet with FEMA community preparedness staff, who serve as their ongoing support and mentors. To learn more about the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council, please visit: <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>.

## 2016 Hurricane Preparedness Week: It Only Takes One

In a Presidential Proclamation, President Obama designated this week as National Hurricane Preparedness Week, and called upon government agencies, private organizations, schools, media, and residents in the areas of our nation vulnerable to hurricanes to share information about preparedness and response to help save lives and protect their communities. Click here to read the full Presidential Proclamation.

The Atlantic hurricane season begins **June 1**. Hurricanes not only affect coastal communities, but

your community. Protecting yourself today means having sources for information, preparing your home and workplace, developing an emergency communication plan, and knowing what to do when a hurricane is approaching your community. Visit [ready.gov/prepare](http://ready.gov/prepare) for resources on developing a family emergency communication plan and download the FEMA app for disaster resources, weather alerts, and safety tips.

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## **May is National Building Safety Month**

National Building Safety Month continues this week with the theme of "Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow." FEMA promotes various programs, such as Great ShakeOut, America's PrepareAthon!, and QuakeSmart, to help the nation practice and prepare for disaster.

Great ShakeOut earthquake drills are an annual opportunity for individuals and organizations to practice what to do during an earthquake. America's PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. QuakeSmart is a FEMA National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program initiative to help businesses implement mitigation efforts. The QuakeSmart toolkit is available online.

To read more about public and private sector efforts to increase community resilience through building codes and standards, visit [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

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## **FEMA Hosts Quarterly Meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities**

FEMA's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC) hosted a quarterly meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities (ICC) on April 14, 2016.

Established in 2005 under Executive Order 13347, the ICC coordinates the efforts of 25 Agencies and Departments in the area of disability-inclusive emergency preparedness. Priorities of the ICC include: educating stakeholders on grant funding to support people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in connection with all phases of emergency management; sharing information about interagency participation in national exercises; and offering technical assistance in international disasters in collaboration with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

At this quarterly meeting, Alex Amparo, FEMA's Acting Assistant Administrator, Field Operations Directorate, provided an agency update. He emphasized FEMA's progress under its strategic plan in becoming a disaster survivor-centric and expeditionary organization, capable of responding to a catastrophic disaster, and focused on disaster risk reduction. Mr. Amparo also highlighted the implementation of the National Disaster Recovery Framework.

Attendees at the April meeting also heard presentations on:

- The ICC's 2010-2013 Report to the President, a reporting requirement under Executive Order 13347.
- The ODIC cadre's current deployments to disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.
- Inclusive emergency response efforts in Mississippi, in particular providing effective communication and program access at Disaster Recovery Centers.
- The water emergency in Flint, Michigan, and the need to identify and overcome barriers to access.

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## **Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines**

### **Comment Period for Public Assistance Required Minimum Standards Closes May 23**

FEMA posted draft replacement language for the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide on

using Public Assistance funds to repair, replace or construct buildings located in hazard-prone areas, applicants would use, at a minimum, the hazard-resistant standards reflected or referenced in the International Building Code (IBC).

Costs associated with meeting these standards would be eligible. The minimum standards will be used for all buildings in tornado, wind, seismic, and flood-prone areas identified in the IBC, regardless of the type of incident that caused the damage. As FEMA works to implement the new standard for its Public Assistance program, it is requesting input on the draft language from the public and emergency management community. The draft language is posted to the Federal Register, and will be available for comment until **May 23, 2016**.

## **Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy National Engagement Period Ends June 7**

On May 10, the federal government launched a 30-day, national engagement period to receive stakeholder input on designing and implementing a new Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy (FMIS). The purpose of FMIS is to identify, prioritize and guide federal investments in disaster resilience and hazard mitigation-related activities, and to make recommendations to the President and Congress on how the nation should prioritize future disaster resilience investments. The national engagement period will conclude **June 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm EDT**.

In response to Hurricane Sandy, the federal government found that no coordinated federal investment strategy exists for resilience and mitigation. FMIS provides an opportunity to be more intentional about setting resilience and mitigation investment priorities. It will increase the ability of federal departments and agencies to plan and justify budgets and resources. Learn more about the FMIS effort, the MitFLG and the National Mitigation Framework by visiting <http://www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/>. To provide input and influence FMIS design and implementation, submit the FMIS Stakeholder Input Template to [FEMA-FMIS@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-FMIS@fema.dhs.gov) by June 7, 2016.

## **Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Application Information**

FEMA announced the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for the FY 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs. These two grant programs assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce the potential cost of natural disasters to communities and their citizens. The NOFO for each program is posted on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and contains the key program priorities and application requirements. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. EDT on **June 15, 2016**.

## **FEMA Tribal Consultation Period on Hazard Mitigation Planning Continues Until July 8**

FEMA is updating its policy that guides how Agency officials interpret regulatory requirements in their review and approval of tribal mitigation plans. FEMA is seeking feedback from tribal governments regarding this updated policy, "Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide." Tribal officials' suggestions and comments will inform further development of the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide.

Tribal officials can submit comments on the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide: Key Concepts document until **July 8, 2016**, either by e-mail to [tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov) or by mail to ATTN: Tyler Corson-Rikert, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472-3020. Visit FEMA's Tribal Affairs web page for more information on the tribal consultation period for this policy.

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## **Emergency Management Institute Course Deadlines and Reminders**

### **Integrated Emergency Management Course Simulates Emergency**

EMI is offering its Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), which provides both lecture and exercise-based training focused on response and recovery operations. This four-and-a-half-day training simulated realistic, crisis situations that Emergency Operation Center personnel may encounter during disasters. IEMC courses help increase the skills of participating officials and provide a forum to evaluate the effectiveness of their specific emergency policies, plans and procedures that protect life and property.

Classes are either delivered in the field or held at EMI's Emmitsburg, Maryland, campus. Questions should be directed to [FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov). If your jurisdiction is interested in applying for the program, and obtaining information on the application process and its timeline, please visit the EMI website.

## **National Emergency Management Advanced Academy Applications**

EMI is accepting applications for the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA). This program consists of four resident courses and addresses program management and oversight, effective communication, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking skills. The target audience is mid-level managers who have a minimum of three years of experience in an emergency management position to include government, non-profit, voluntary organization, and private sector leaders who are responsible for emergency management or homeland security. The application deadline is **May 31, 2016**.

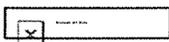
## **Master Exercise Practitioner Program Application Period Opens**

The Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) application period is open until **July 1, 2016**. All classes are held at EMI in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Participants in the program are assigned to an exercise planning team where they are challenged to: demonstrate their expertise at all levels of exercise design and conduct; apply best practices and lessons learned from their organizations and experience; and use the concepts from the MEPP curriculum for their exercise planning team assignments. Contact [fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov) for more information.

For additional information, visit EMI's Emergency Management Training, Virtual Tabletop Exercises and Course Schedule.

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