



Week of July 14, 2014
Important Dates and Deadlines:

[Continuing Training Grants](#)
(July 16, 2014)

[Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience](#)
(July 17, 2014)

FEMA Releases 2014-2018 Strategic Plan New Plan Establishes Agency's Road Forward

FEMA releases its [2014-2018 FEMA Strategic Plan, on July 15th](#). The strategic plan was developed through the involvement of hundreds of FEMA employees and many external stakeholders who contributed to generating our objectives, strategies and outcomes. The plan advances the agency's mission and reflects objectives we, as an agency, will accomplish to provide the best possible support to the American people before, during and after disasters.

For 2014 to 2018, FEMA will focus on five strategic priorities, institutionalizing key improvements made over the last four years while building agency capacity and strengthening national capabilities for disaster preparedness. The five priorities will spur cross-agency collaboration, guide allocation of resources and inform how all FEMA employees approach their work. These efforts will further integrate two strategic imperatives into the agency's programs and operations: a whole community approach to emergency management and a culture that fosters innovation and learning.

There will be a [stakeholder webinar](#) about the strategic plan on **Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT**. Participants are invited to join by signing into the webinar as "guest." [Closed captioning is available](#). Prior to the webinar, participants can [test their Adobe Connect connection](#).

FEMA is just one part of the nation's emergency management team. We will be successful only if we build, sustain, and draw upon the capabilities of the whole community. For more information about the 2014-2018 FEMA Strategic Plan visit www.fema.gov/strategicplan.

FEMA Announces Membership of Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC)

FEMA is announcing the membership of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC).

The TMAC is being established as mandated by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and further expanded by the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014, to develop recommendations on FEMA's flood mapping program and to ensure that Flood Insurance Rate Maps reflect the best available science and are based on the best available methodologies for considering the impact of future development on flood risk.

The national flood mapping program provides flood maps to inform communities about the local flood risk and help set minimum floodplain standards so communities may build safely and resiliently. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps established under the program are used to set flood insurance premiums.

"The experts selected to serve on the Technical Mapping Advisory Council represent a broad range of engineering and mapping disciplines," said David Miller, FEMA's associate administrator for the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA). "Their extensive knowledge and diverse points of view will be great assets as they make recommendations for the national flood mapping program and how we continue to map using technically credible and scientific practices in identifying flood risk."

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FEMA's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Be survivor-centric in mission and program delivery
2. Become an expeditionary organization
3. Posture and build capability for catastrophic disasters
4. Enable disaster risk reduction nationally
5. Strengthen FEMA's organizational foundation

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Seeking Input on Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance

In January 2013, the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) provided federally recognized Indian tribal governments (tribal governments) the option to request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration independently of a state. To implement this historic provision, FEMA initiated a second round of consultation on the working draft of the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance with tribal governments, conducting working meetings across the country to collect comments and feedback from tribal governments.

Comments on the working draft of the [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) can be sent to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov. More information about this consultation, including upcoming dates, is available at www.fema.gov/tribal. Questions can be directed to FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

This bulletin is not intended to provide a comprehensive list of policies that are open for public comment, nor does it describe all of the instructions or requirements necessary to submit a comment. For a complete list of instructions and deadlines please click the hyperlinks included. FEMA does not endorse any non-government organizations, entities or services.

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Members were selected based on specific, congressionally mandated membership guidelines to ensure that a variety of stakeholder perspectives are reflected in the deliberations and recommendations. The legislation requires the appointment of members from 16 specific member categories to ensure a significant cross section of technical expertise. These categories include a geographically diverse group of federal, state and local agencies, and various categories of private sector associations and organizations that deal with flood-related issues.

In addition to the expertise of Council members, FEMA recognizes that specific Subject Matter Experts will be a critical component of the Council's work and will be selected to assist the TMAC membership. Subject Matter Experts will include tribal officials, climate science experts, flood control experts from states with high concentrations of flood insurance policyholders, and other expertise the Council concludes is not fully represented within the Council's membership categories.

The TMAC intends to hold six meetings during the first year; three virtual, and three in-person meetings. Members serve either one to two year terms, at the discretion of the Administrator, to refresh and ensure the expert input required to produce the specific recommendations and reports required.

Proposed Membership:

Pending final approval of disclosure forms that must, by law, be submitted by certain appointees and acceptance of terms of service, membership is proposed as follows:

CATEGORY: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) DESIGNEE

- **Doug Bellomo, P.E.** (VA) – Director, Risk Analysis Division (RAD), FEMA.

CATEGORY: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND AIR ATMOSPHERIC (NOAA) / COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE DESIGNEE

- **Juliana Blackwell** (MD)– Director, National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

CATEGORY: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DESIGNEE

- *Acceptance to be confirmed.*

CATEGORY: STATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) REPRESENTATIVE

- **Richard Butgereit, GISP** (FL) - GIS Administrator, Florida Division of Emergency Management

CATEGORY: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPRESENTATIVE

- **Mark DeMulder** (VA) – Director, National Geospatial Program, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

CATEGORY: STATE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS (CTP) REPRESENTATIVES (2)

- **John Dorman** (NC) - Director, Emergency Management Division, Geospatial and Technology Management Office, North Carolina State Government
- **Leslie Durham, P.E.** (AL) - Director, Floodplain Management Unit, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs/Office of Water Resources

CATEGORY: MAPPING MEMBER

- **Scott Edelman, P.E.** (NC) - Division Director for North America, AECOM Water Resources

CATEGORY: STATE MITIGATION OFFICER

- **Steve Ferryman, CFM** (OH) - Mitigation and Recovery Administrator, Emergency Management Agency, State Government of Ohio

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CATEGORY: REGIONAL FLOOD AND STORMWATER MEMBER

- **Gale Wm. Fraser, II** (NV) - General Manager and Chief Engineer, Clark County Regional Flood Control District

CATEGORY: LOCAL COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER (CTP) REPRESENTATIVES (2)

- **David Mallory, P.E.** (CO) - Manager, Urban Drainage & Flood Control District's Floodplain Management Program
- *Second representative acceptance to be confirmed.*

CATEGORY: ENGINEERING MEMBER

- **Christopher P. Jones, P.E.** (NC) - Registered Professional Engineer

CATEGORY: RISK MANAGEMENT MEMBER

- *Acceptance to be confirmed.*

CATEGORY: SURVEYING MEMBER

- **Wendy Lathrop, PLS, CFM** (PA) - President and owner, Cadastral Consulting, LLC

CATEGORY: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (DOI) DESIGNEE

- **Robert Mason** (VA) - Deputy Chief, Office of Surface Water, Department of Interior (DOI)

CATEGORY: STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT MEMBER

- **Sally Ann McConkey, P.E., CFM, Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE)** (IL) - Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois

CATEGORY: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) DESIGNEE

- *To be confirmed.*

CATEGORY: NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COORDINATION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Christine Shirley** (OR) – Oregon State NFIP Coordinator, Natural Hazards Program Group Leader

CATEGORY: FLOOD HAZARD DETERMINATION FIRM MEMBER

- **Cheryl Small** (TX) - Vice President of Operations, CoreLogic Flood Services

FINAL REMINDER: Continuing Training Grants

FEMA released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Continuing Training Grant (CTG) program totaling \$11 million. The CTG helps strengthen national preparedness and provides training to assist first responders, homeland security/emergency management officials and citizens to prepare for all types of disasters.

The highly competitive FY 2014 CTG program grants will be awarded to state and local (including rural) communities, tribes, nonprofit national associations and organizations, and nonprofit higher education institutions. The grant awards will be announced by the end of FY 2014. Applications for the FY 2014 CTG program are found at www.grants.gov. Applications must be completed and submitted through FEMA's Non-Disaster (ND) grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> by **July 16, 2014**.

FINAL REMINDER: The Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience: Call for Applications

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is seeking nominations for the 2014 [Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience](http://www.dhs.gov/rick-rescorla-national-award-resilience) to recognize leadership in fostering resilience over the course of 2013.

Candidates may be nominated for the Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience until **July 17, 2014, 11:59 p.m. EDT**. All nominations must be submitted by email to rescorlaaward@hq.dhs.gov. For further information, including the nomination form, please visit the web page at www.dhs.gov/rick-rescorla-national-award-resilience. **Questions concerning the award may be sent to bradley.garner@hq.dhs.gov.**

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