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Webinars on Grant Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks

The grant application period for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA Program) is currently open. The CCTA program provides $35.94 million to state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to improve their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community.

A series of webinars are scheduled to assist potential applicants with understanding the FY 16 CCTA Program’s objectives and priorities, application requirements and review process, timeline, and grant application systems.

FEMA’s CCTA Program Office and the Grant Programs Directorate will host several webinars for the FY 2016 CCTA Grant Program on the following dates: **Wednesday, December 14, 9 – 10 a.m. (EST); Thursday, December 15, 2 – 3 p.m. (EST); and Monday, December 19, 2 – 3 p.m. (EST).**

In addition, the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate will offer an online training session for potential grant recipients who may not be familiar with the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System 3.0. That session will take place on **Thursday, December 15 from 1 – 3 p.m. (EST).**

The application period will remain open until **February 10, 2017 at 11:59:59 PM ET.** The FY 2016 CCTA Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at: [http://www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants) as well as on [http://www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 97.133.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA’s Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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FEMA Announces FY16 Emergency Food and Shelter Program Allocations

On Friday December 9, 2016, FEMA announced the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board’s determination of funding allocations to jurisdictions throughout the country. The grant program, which is commemorating its 34th year (Phase 34), is administered by a National Board of voluntary agencies chaired by FEMA.
involving current population, unemployment, and poverty levels. This funding will support social service agencies in cities and counties across the country to help feed and shelter the Nation’s hungry and homeless. EFSP funds are used to supplement food, shelter, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance programs for people with non-disaster related emergencies.

Information on Phase 34 (FY 2016) of the EFSP allocations by jurisdiction are available on the National Board’s website at www.efsp.unitedway.org. In the next several weeks, the National Board will provide a packet with further instructions to each jurisdiction that is receiving an allocation of funds.

**Emergency Management Institute Offers Hazmat Virtual Tabletop Exercise**

FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) program will offer a three sessions of a hazardous materials scenario for gas transport on **February 7, 8, and 9, 2017**. The VTTX was designed to help communities specifically look at this type of hazmat incident in their community. Session content is the same each day and participants would attend only one session. The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures.

EMI conducts a monthly series of VTTXs using a Video Teleconference (VTC) platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country providing a virtual forum for disaster training. The design of the VTTX is for a group of ten or more representatives from state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency communities of practice and is intended to provide an opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion. Participants will need to connect via a site equipped with the appropriate VTC capability (not Adobe Connect or Face Time-based), but alternate ways to participate are also available upon request.

The VTTX will occur **12 p.m. – 4 p.m. ET** on each of the days listed above. To participate, send an email to Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-7645. Also, send a courtesy copy email to the Integrated Emergency Management Branch at fema-emi-emb@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-1381. The application deadline is **December 27**. Additional information is available at [https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx](https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx).

**Webinar: Methods of Communication in Disasters—Preparing to Receive, Provide and Act on Critical Information in Times of Crisis**

The DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships and FEMA’s Individual and Community Preparedness Division invite you to a webinar on **Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST**. The webinar will cover methods of communication in a disaster and how to receive, provide and act on critical information in times of crisis.

FEMA representatives will be joined by faith and community leaders to highlight various methods that governments and communities can use to communicate with one another and the broader community in disasters. This webinar will also feature preparedness activities and resources to effectively receive, provide and act upon critical information.

To Join the Webinar, please register for the event using the Adobe Connect registration web link. Be sure to test your Adobe Connect connection prior to the meeting. This webinar will offer closed captioning.
Congratulations National Emergency Management Basic Academy Graduates

FEMA congratulates the 13 students who graduated from the National Emergency Management Basic Academy on December 8, 2016. These students completed the full Basic Academy curriculum which provides the basic knowledge and skills to help meet the unpredictable challenges in the field of emergency management. Graduates represented emergency management professionals from the military and from federal, state, local, and tribal governments.

FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy is the entry-point for individuals pursuing a career in emergency management. The Basic Academy offers the tools to develop comprehensive foundational skills needed in emergency management. For those who are new to emergency management, the Basic Academy also provides a unique opportunity to build camaraderie, to establish professional contacts, and to understand the roles, responsibilities, and legal boundaries associated with emergency management.

The Basic Academy is the first of a three-level Academy series in the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP). The EMPP curriculum is designed to provide a lifetime of learning for emergency management professionals and includes three separate, but closely threaded, training programs building from the Basic Academy to the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy, a program to develop the next generation of emergency management leaders who are trained in advanced concepts and issues, advanced leadership and management, and critical thinking and problem solving; and culminating in the National Emergency Management Executive Academy, a program designed to challenge and enhance the talents of the nation's emergency management senior executives through critical thinking, visionary strategic planning, challenging conventional concepts, and negotiation and conflict resolution applied to complex real-world problems.

Emergency management professionals should visit www.training.fema.gov/empp for more information about which Academy best suits their needs.
Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines

**Seeking Comments on Draft Disaster Resilience Indicators Concept**

The deadline to submit inputs and feedback to the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee's "Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures" is December 15, 2016. Stakeholders can submit comments and feedback to FEMA-CommunityResilience@fema.dhs.gov.

The document is the result of a year-long effort to identify potential indicators of community resilience capacity building that align with the Mitigation and Recovery Core Capabilities under the National Preparedness Goal. Learn more details about this initiative through FEMA and NOAA partnership here.

**Applications Open for Integrated Emergency Management Courses**

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) conducts Integrated Emergency Management Courses (IEMC) throughout the year and across the country. The four-and-a-half day training course is designed specifically for communities, providing both lecture and exercise-based training focused on response operations for a disaster or emergency that could happen in their area.

IEMC courses simulate realistic crisis situations that emergency operations center personnel and community leadership/elected officials may encounter during disasters or other events. Also, the course enhances the skills of participating officials and provides a forum to evaluate the effectiveness of their specific emergency policies, plans, and procedures to protect life and property. The course's target audience includes: state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government personnel; their SLTT elected and appointed officials; supervisory, operations, and emergency support personnel; nonprofit organizations; the private sector; law enforcement personnel; firefighters; attorneys; public information officers; planners; and more.

IEMC classes are principally delivered at FEMA's EMI at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland; however, delivery may also occur in the community. If your jurisdiction is interested in applying for the program and obtaining information on the application process and its timeline, please visit [http://training.fema.gov/iemc/](http://training.fema.gov/iemc/). The deadline for applications is February 15, 2017. Questions should be directed to FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov.

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