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EMERGENCY MANAGERS ANNOUNCE GOVERNOR CRIST'S 2010-11 BUDGET PRIORITIES SUPPORT PREPAREDNESS

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Emergency Management Interim Director David Halstead today announced his support for Governor Charlie Crist's Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget recommendations for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM), recommending funds for programs that ensure all Floridians, and the communities in which they live and work, are prepared in advance of times of disaster.

"Governor Crist is committed to maintaining a 'culture of preparedness' across our great state," said DEM Interim Director David Halstead. "The Governor's approach maintains Florida's ability to prepare for and respond to disasters and their impacts on behalf of all residents and visitors during tough economic times."

By encouraging personal responsibility and community preparedness, Governor Charlie Crist's budget recommendations provide \$247.0 million to fund all open disasters, \$19.9 million for Pre-disaster, flood and Residential Construction Mitigation grants and \$9.5 million for county emergency management operations.

Governor Charlie Crist's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-11 includes:

Disaster Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation

- \$247.0 million to administer the federal Disaster Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs. Funding addresses anticipated reimbursement needs relating to all open federal disasters in the state and allows DEM to meet the necessary state match requirement for disaster-related expenses during the next fiscal year.
- \$19.9 million to strengthen local governments and neighborhoods against the impacts of future storms, which includes: \$3.8 million for Pre-disaster Mitigation, \$7.6 million for Flood Mitigation, \$7.0 million for Residential Construction Mitigation and \$1.5 million for Hurricane Loss Mitigation.
- \$9.5 million for county emergency management operations. The funding to all 67 local programs allows for continued improvements and maintenance of current programs, planning and training resources to meet the needs of their communities.

- \$2 million to operate the State Logistics Response Center in Orlando. The 200,000 square-foot facility houses essential emergency supplies and provides a central operations point for state and federal managers, vendors, as well as the staging and rapid deployment of personnel during times of disaster.

For additional details on the Governor's recommended Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget, visit www.MyFlorida.com and click on "The People's Budget," or visit www.ThePeoplesBudget.state.fl.us.

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