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STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING AND EVALUATION

WHAT IS THE SITE REPORT?

Division of Emergency Management Staff are tracking mitigation efforts in the State of Florida to document any areas for improvement, success stories, and to evaluate the process on a rolling basis. DEM Staff provide a short update on some of these efforts at each SHMPAT meeting in the form of these short newsletters, called SITE Reports.

STAFF - SELECTED PROJECTS

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DOACS)—The Wildland Fire Risk Assessment System (FRAS) was completed recently. This allows mitigation efforts to proceed more effectively with available new data. FRAS also allows DOACS/DOF to finish the Wildfire Annex, set to be finalized next month. Wildfires are currently a large concern for Florida with drought and present fire conditions. This update will mold future mitigation efforts for wildfires.

Division of Emergency Management (DEM)—The technical guide to implementing floodplain information into local mitigation strategies is being finalized. One of the strong points of the guide is that it will help counties get more CRS credits from their LMS in a simple fashion that strengthens their existing LMS. The guide seeks to reduce possible confusion between CRS and LMS.

Silver Jackets—This program is a partnership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state agencies to reduce flood risk. Florida Silver Jackets are preparing to sign their charter. For more information, email Devan.Leavins@em.myflorida.com.

Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA) - FFMA held its annual conference in March with multiple training opportunities relating to floodplain management. A single course was taught by FFMA at the Governors Hurricane Conference. Trainings for the next 12 months in Florida are currently being scheduled. Training resources:

FDEM Site: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/trainingcalendar/index.asp>

FFMA Site: <https://ffma.pbsjteamaccess.com/default.aspx>

SITE ACTIVITIES

Internal SITE Analysis—DEM is finalizing an internal review of SITE to identify the status of projects in the State Hazard mitigation Plan (SHMP) and determine achievements and opportunities for improvement to the SITE process. Statistics and results from this review will be provided at the next SHMPAT meeting.

FUND SOURCE HIGHLIGHT

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Programs are accepting applications for funding consideration under the FY12 HMA Grant Programs now through close of business October 3, 2011. All applications must be submitted via eGrants for the following programs:

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)

To connect with your state HMA liaison, please call Shannon Hamilton at 850-487-0935.

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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION — RISK ASSESSMENT SUBGROUP

The risk analysis process for the 2013 Plan is beginning. Please let us know if you're interested in joining the Subgroup.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE DISASTER BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

SAFE BUILDING CODES INCENTIVES ACT, H.R. 2069 atmosphere interactions, predicting hurricane storm surge, rainfall, and other characteristics, improving observations of coastal storm events, assessing vulnerable infrastructure, technological improvements, evacuation planning, and modeling.

Introduced June 2011, this act provides additional post-disaster relief in the aftermath of a severe storm for those states with strong statewide building codes.

Relevance: A state-wide approved building code could increase total disaster contributions to Florida by 4%. Florida has already implemented a state-wide building code.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Text for the bill can be found at:

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/112-h2069/text>

NATIONAL HURRICANE RESEARCH INITIATIVE ACT OF 2011, H.R. 2258

Introduced June 2011, this act establishes the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness through research, funding, and partnerships with states, agencies, and non-profits. Requires a National Infrastructure Database to be established.

Relevance: Partnerships, funding, and research for Florida for the following (for example): predicting hurricane intensity change, understanding ocean-

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Text for the bill can be found at:

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/112-h2258/text>

NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2011, H.R. 2099 AND HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2011, H.R. 2067

Introduced in May and June 2011, these acts provide financial incentives for individual taxpayers to mitigate their principal residences.

Relevance: Encouraging citizen mitigation activities facilitates mitigation in the State of Florida.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Text for the bills can be found at:

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/112-h2099/text> and

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/112-h2067/text>

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