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Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

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Volunteers and Donations Management Annex (VDMA)

This month, the VDMA planning team held its sixth meeting to discuss the first full draft of both the Plan Template and Appendix. Over the course of the next week, planning team members will provide additional feedback that will be incorporated into these documents before they are sent to the Plan Lead, Advisor, and RCPT for review. With the completion of these core documents, the planning team now turns its attention toward creating a Regional Coordination document that will clearly outline mechanisms for coordination and collaboration among all jurisdictions within the project site.

Credentialing Annex

The Credentialing planning team met on Thursday, October 7th to discuss the latest version of the draft document, which includes a primer on credentialing, information on resource typing, and basic guidance for jurisdictions without a credentialing plan of their own. Jim Penta and Detgen Bannigan Greff have been following up with planning team members and other stakeholders throughout the region to ensure that the Credentialing Annex is being advised and reviewed by planning partners at all levels of emergency management and response. The draft document continues to be revised and improved based on this feedback.

Concept of Operations CONOPS Playbook

Please continue to send comments on the CONOPS document to Jim Penta, or post them on the VJPO. **The next CONOPS planning team meeting is scheduled for November 4th.**

Program Team

This month, Detgen Bannigan Greff joined the Regional Logistics Program as a full time Planning Associate. Detgen will continue to work closely on the Credentialing Annex, and a number of other Program initiatives. Welcome, Detgen!

Regional Asset Database Project (RADP)

On October 4th, the planning team met to hear a presentation by David Blakeman, the Deputy Program Manager for the FEMA National Incident Management System Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS) at the NIMS Support Center. Mr. Blakeman demonstrated the functions of IRIS, a free inventory database management tool for Federal, State, local and tribal officials. In IRIS, users can create their own definitions in addition to the FEMA's 120 typing definitions. IRIS is being explored as an affordable option for jurisdictions currently without resource databases.

In the effort to create a baseline for resource-data capture throughout the region, planning team members are now reviewing the first draft of common data points on major resource categories. Between now and the next planning team meeting, team members will provide feedback on the common data points. **The next RADP planning team meeting will be held on November 17th.**

The [Regional Logistics Program](#) is an initiative designed to link resources, expertise, and information by encouraging collaboration among regional, state, and local emergency management partners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The program kicked off in the summer of 2009 when logistics planning, resource management, information sharing and training efforts began.

The goal of these monthly newsletters is to keep all stakeholders up-to-date on emerging and ongoing initiatives and to promote and encourage feedback from regional partners and nationwide emergency managers and planners. Each newsletter will provide information on the previous month's work within the program.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

Discussions amongst Regional Information Management Solution (RIMS) planning team members continue, as do efforts to engage high-level officials from FEMA, DHS Science and Technology Directorate, and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Systems. In the interim, research into the two interoperability platforms under consideration by the RIMS planning team – UICDS and IPAWS-OPEN (formerly known as DM-OPEN) is ongoing. As additional information becomes available, it will be shared with the planning team.

Regional Logistics Staging Area Field Operations Guide (RLSA FOG)

Planning efforts continue on the RLSA FOG. An interim planning team meeting was held on October 20th to ensure that the RLSA organization and structure is ICS-compliant. As discussions continue, Alexander Marks, the planner leading this initiative, is in the process of finalizing a preliminary draft of the FOG, which will be sent to the planning team for initial review on November 1st. The planning team will discuss their feedback and suggestions for changes to the document at **the next meeting, scheduled for November 9th.**

Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT)

The team will start drafting language for the ALERT Governance paper based on the decisions made in the last planning team meeting. Please send any feedback on ALERT to Kiran Dhanji. **The next planning team meeting is scheduled for November 16th.**

November 2010 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 Election Day	3	4 CONOPS PTM7 1100-1200	5
8	9 SA PTM7 1400-1500	10	11 Veterans' Day	12
15 VDMA PTM8 1400-1500	16 ALERT PTM7 1400-1500	17 RADP PTM6 1400-1500	18 CDP PTM6 1400-1500	19
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26
29	30			

Commodity Distribution Point (CDP)

Please send comments on part one of the draft CDP Manual to Pearl Cheng or post them on the VJPO. Part two of the draft CDP manual will be ready for review at the meeting. **The next CDP planning team meeting is scheduled for November 18th.**

Conference

Mark your calendars! The Regional Logistics Conference - LogCon 2011: A Universal Approach to Emergency Management Logistics will take place on May 10th and 11th, 2011. The conference is designed to introduce and reinforce the concept of operating under universal logistics practices that are interoperable within and across jurisdictions. We will bring together emergency management professionals as well as private sector, non-governmental, and other partners involved in logistics preparedness and response to build relationships, share best practices, and support community growth.

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- ✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.
- ✧ All documents mentioned in this newsletter are available on the VJPO.