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Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

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GENERAL MESSAGE

TO: Regional Logistics Planning Partners

POSITION: Regional Logistics Program Stakeholders

FROM: The Regional Logistics Program

POSITION: Program Lead, Manager, and Planners

SUBJECT: Expanding Agency Involvement

DATE: 1.26.11

MESSAGE: Expanding Planning Team Participation

The Regional Logistics Program Team would like to ask our planning partners for their assistance in our efforts to broaden participation in our planning process. We hope to continue to expand involvement in our Program by inviting agencies outside the emergency management sphere to participate on our planning teams. We encourage all of our planning partners to consider which additional agencies or departments in their jurisdictions may be interested in receiving information on the Regional Logistics Program or willing to participate in the planning process by appointing planning team members to join monthly conference calls addressing their areas of interest. Please send any contacts or recommendations to Detgen Bannigan Greeff at dbannigan@regionalcatplanning.org.

SIGNATURE: *Regional Logistics Program Team*

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Executive Briefs

The Logistics Team has compiled short overviews of each major initiative within the Regional Logistics Program. These briefs provide an executive-level summary of each program initiative. Briefs are available on the Regional Logistics page of the Virtual Joint Planning Office (VJPO). For further inquiries or VJPO assistance, please contact Detgen Bannigan Greeff at dbannigan@regionalcatplanning.org.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 9-10, 2011

Conference: LogCon 2011

On May 9th and 10th, the Program will host the region's first Emergency Management Logistics Conference: LogCon 2011: A Universal Approach to Emergency Management Logistics. LogCon 2011 is designed to introduce and reinforce the concept of a **Universal Logistics Standard**, focusing on the following areas:

- ✓ Resource Management
- ✓ Distribution Management
- ✓ Movement Control
- ✓ Innovative Catastrophic Logistics Management

Registration and meals are provided to local, state, and nonprofit planning partners at no cost by the Regional Logistics Program. Limited no cost accommodation is also available to planning partners in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania region.

LogCon 2011 will take place May 9th and 10th at the Sheraton Mahwah in Mahwah, New Jersey. For more information, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.

Registration opens soon!

Regional Asset Database Project (RADP)

The RADP Survey was issued via email to project jurisdictions to assess the overall resource cataloging needs of the jurisdictions. The NJ OEM is assisting in the survey distribution and collection effort for project jurisdictions in New Jersey. The completed survey is due on January 31st. The Regional Logistics Program will analyze all responses and notify interested jurisdictions of next steps. The survey results will indicate the type and amount of support needed in the region's jurisdictions. If you have not received your survey please contact Pearl Cheng at pcheng@regionalcatplanning.org.

The next planning team meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 17th**.

Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

A CONOPS planning team meeting was held on Thursday, January 13th. During the meeting the final draft of the *CONOPS Playbook* was presented to the team. This draft is now in the last stages of completion and will be presented to the RCPT in the next few months. This presentation will mark the completion of the *CONOPS Playbook* deliverable.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Air, Rail, Waterway, and Trucking

This month, the air and rail infrastructure reports were issued to jurisdictions that returned signed confidentiality agreements. For information on how to access your jurisdiction's report, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

The Program Team is currently reviewing proposals submitted by vendors for the Waterway Task Order released last month. This task order calls for an assessment of the capacity of regional waterway infrastructure to transport freight after a catastrophic incident. A similar task order calling for an assessment of trucking infrastructure will be released to vendors within the month.

Area Logistics Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)

The *ALERT Concept Paper* was the topic of discussion during the ALERT planning team meeting on January 26th. With the assistance of the planning team, the ALERT concept has developed into one that allows for greater operational and deployment flexibility. During the planning team meeting, members reviewed the updated proposed training program and offered their feedback on the expanded dispatch courses under consideration. In addition, the team also discussed the different types of agreements that may be necessary for potential ALERT responders and their managers. The next ALERT planning team meeting will take place on **February 22nd at 1400**.

Commodity Distribution Point (CDP)

Due to inclement weather, the CDP planning team meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, January 27th. At this meeting, the planning team will review the revisions to part two of the draft *CDP Plan* and discuss the appropriate trigger time for CDP activation currently stated in part one. Additional discussions will focus on the most appropriate plan titling: Commodity Distribution Point (CDP), Point of Distribution (POD), or Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD).

The formatted *CDP Field Operations Guide (CDP FOG)* has been reviewed by the project lead and feedback is being incorporated.

Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center

On January 20th, the planning team met and reviewed the initial sections of the *Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) FOG*. The discussion at the planning team meeting focused on how best to build the RDC organizational structure and create a framework that will be of use to the region.

The planning team has now reviewed sections of the *FOG* covering its introductory materials, command structure, and operations section. Logistics Planner Alexander Marks will continue to draft the remaining sections of the *FOG* for an in-person presentation to the planning team at the RIC in mid-March.

As this initiative moves forward, any individuals who wish to contribute to or review these documents, or participate in the planning team, are invited to contact Alexander Marks for further information.

Credentialing

A credentialing planning team meeting was held on Thursday, January 20th. During this meeting the final draft of the *Credentialing Annex* was presented to the planning team. This draft is now in the last stages of completion and will be presented to the RCPT in the next few months. This presentation will mark the completion of the Credentialing Annex deliverable.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

At the close of last month, the NJ OHSP and NYC OEM expressed interest in both adopting the EDXL-RM standard within their respective jurisdictions and undertaking pilot demonstrations of the UICDS and IPAWS-OPEN platforms. These two agencies remain engaged in demonstrating the use of each platform, respectively. The agencies have offered to share their insights, successes, and lessons-learned with the planning team as they endeavor to benefit from these two federally developed solutions.

In addition, on the last planning team call, participants benefited from a presentation on the EDXL suite of standards given by Don McGarry, a representative from the MITRE Corporation. The MITRE Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation that has been funded by DHS to provide assistance to local and state agencies considering adoption of the various tools and solutions developed by the federal government. As a follow-up to some of the discussion items, RIMS planning team coordinators Alexander Marks and Michael Schultz met with Mr. McGarry to discuss opportunities for future collaboration that would greatly enhance data-visibility and interoperability across the region.

Next steps for the RIMS planning team continue to evolve based on new information and leads. The next planning team meeting will take place in late February.

Website

Vendor proposals for the Program website are currently under review. Website development will commence soon.

Volunteers and Donations Management Annex (VDMA)

On January 4th, the VDMA planning team met and reviewed the latest document in the VDM Guidance Suite: the *EOC Guidance Document*. The EOC Guidance Document is designed for use by the EOC personnel who will support volunteer and donations management during a catastrophic incident. Planning team members provided feedback during the meeting and throughout the month of January. With these comments, the VDM Guidance Suite remains on track for full planning team review at the next planning team meeting on **February 23rd**.

February 2011 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17 RADP PTM7 1400-1500	18
21	22 ALERT PTM9 1400-1500	23 VDMA PTM8 1400-1500	24	25
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- ✧ The Virtual Joint Planning Office (VJPO) is an information management tool the Regional Logistics Program uses to house draft program documents.
- ✧ For access to the VJPO or for more information on joining a planning team, please email RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org
- ✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.
- ✧ All documents mentioned in this newsletter are available on the VJPO.